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Thinkbit

I was in love with a freshman, but I didn't marry her. There was a tremendous conflict between us. She was an atheist and I was an agnostic and we didn't know what religion not to bring our children up on.

Woody Allen

Reformed merchants and professionals band together

Bert Witvoet

HAMILTON, Ont. — About one hundred business people and professionals came together at Redeemer College on Saturday, February 18 to establish the Reformed Christian Business and Professional Association in Ontario. The event seemed "natural" in the light of the existence of a christian labour association and a christian farmers' federation in the province.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sidney Harkema of Orillia. He opened the meeting reading from Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" It was a promising word for a meeting that would produce some tension.

Inspirational address

Rev. Dr. James Payton, from the Stratford Christian Reformed Church delivered an inspirational address based on Proverbs 11:1, "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight."

James Payton, who holds a doctorate in history, gave some evidence of the low esteem merchants were held in during the Middle Ages. And professionals, like lawyers, were scorned by a man like Martin Luther, who thought that "a lawyer is of necessity a bad Christian."

The speaker went on to say that the Scriptures offer a more positive view by calling business people and professionals to obedience. "God condemns the unjust weight, the finger on the scale of the butcher, the figures in the wrong column of the books.

"But God is delighted with what is begun here," said Payton. He saw the establishment of a christian association for business and profession as an expression of the desire to do justice and to show kindness in interpersonal relations.

Down to business

The organizational part of the meeting began with a questioning of the name. Even thought the name is provisional in character, should we stress the reformedness by putting it in? Is "Christian" not sufficient?

Another comment was made about the references to businessman and the use of the pronoun *he* in the proposed constitution. The committee promised to be more inclusive in its language and to encourage women to join. It may be noted that only one woman attended the day-long meeting.

Rev. Dr. James Payton

Some tension arises

In the afternoon session the constitution was unanimously accepted. The Preamble broadly outlines the intent of the association: "to provide support and services to one another and that our support for one another in our respective businesses and professions must always take place under the guidance of God's Word and Spirit." (See page 5 in this issue of C.C. for a reprint of Article III which states the purposes in greater detail).

The appointment of the provisional board brought to the fore the most tense part of the meeting. The suggestion to add 7 more members to the provisional board was interpreted as a political attempt to influence the direction of the association.

The membership became agitated, points of order were shouted at various times, and the chair, Mr. Sid Harkema, asked another member of the Board to take over for a while, while he stated his opposition to the proposed amendment.

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Piet Speelman dies at 58

Monday morning, February 20, Mr. Piet Speelman passed away. He had been operated on for his heart the week before, having received four bypasses. His condition had been reported as very good and he was expected home soon.

Mr. Speelman is a well-known businessman from Rexdale, Ont. He started Speelman's Bookhouse in the fifties in the basement of his house. His son John now operates the business.

Piet Speelman dedicated his life to the promotion of christian education and christian literature. He strongly believed that all of life belongs to Jesus Christ — *Pro Rege*.

The funeral was held on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. in the Second Christian Reformed Church of Toronto.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

BW

From Mexico to Canada with love

C.C. Staff

A young couple from a Christian Reformed community between Hamilton and London, Ont. is reported to have gone to Mexico for a holiday.

While staying at a hotel there they found a little puppy in their room one day. They asked the management if they knew whose it was. Nobody knew.

Enamoured with the cuddly thing the young couple decided to adopt the cute little tyke. But how to get it across the border? No problem .. the woman kept the animal hidden under her blouse while going through customs. No one showed any suspicion.

Upon arrival in their home town the couple decided to take their little friend to the vet for a check-up and some needles.

Imagine their dismay when told by the vet that their pet was not a puppy but a sewer rat!

Correction and update

An extra zero was inadvertently added to the $600,000. lost by farmers in grain and corn when the Niagara Grain and Feed Mill, Smithville, Ont., went into receivership last November 23, making it appear like a loss of $6,000,000. We regret this mistake and are sorry for any embarrassment it may have caused. The company, in the meantime, has been bought by a group of six former employees.

Meanwhile, the committee representing the 85 aggrieved farmers is continuing to plan for final strategy to get full compensation.

In this issue:

Paul Schrotenboer visited Orthodox churches in Bulgaria p.10

Ben Vandezande interviews musician Michael Kelly Blanchard p.11

Provisional Board of the RCBPA

The new board met briefly after the meeting to review the proceedings and plan for the future. From l. to r. they are: Dick Kranendonk, Business Director at Redeemer College; Bill Voortman, Co-owner of Voortmans' Ltd.; James Antonides, owner of Niagara Steel Inspection; Sidney Harkema, former owner of Harkema Express Lines; John Hultink, Owner of Paidea Press; Arend Kersten, Director of College Advancement at Redeemer College.

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Editorial

Could Lalonde's budget have been better?

When you're the opposition you're expected to knock the budget. So, what else is new ... the Conservatives and the NDP don't like Finance Minister Lalonde's budget.

The accusations are that the budget does nothing to alleviate unemployment and lower the deficit. The problem is, no one agrees on how either or both can be accomplished.

What could he do?

There is the matter of a yearly deficit of almost $30 billion. Is that bad? Some say it's necessary in today's world. It's part of the economic flow. If you don't borrow you fall behind. As long as the deficit does not get out of hand, as long as your assets are great enough, you're not really being irresponsible.

Besides, how does the government decrease the deficit? The largest chunk of money would have to come out of social programs. To do that in difficult times is cruel and will hurt the poor the most.

Cutting down on government spending will create further unemployment and hardship.

What about the unemployment rate of 1.5 million Canadians? Several experts claim that government cannot effectively create long-term jobs. Governments create artificial jobs that keep people working for a short period only.

To sum up, if you look at the total picture of the present economy, could Lalonde have done any better?

In a small way, yes, he could have. There was no need to give the wealthy a special tax break at this time. Young farmers who have had a difficult time were justifiably disappointed that there was nothing in the budget for them.

But the overall feeling is that the budget is as good as could be expected. It is based on the hope that economic recovery will continue. In the meantime we try to keep the ship afloat with a bit of spending to alleviate the pain and a bit of lending to fill the gap.

Cure not wanted

The only way one can justifiably criticize the budget is to question the society it is trying to serve.

Dr. Anthony Cramp from Cambridge, England maintained in a lecture at the Institute for Christian Studies last summer that "any economic system requires a moral basis, and ultimately a belief in God."

Thus a materialistic society will not provide the needed moral basis. Instead, it brings a lot of pressure to bear on an economic system in times of decline. If there is an outcry against an increasing deficit, the fault is not Lalonde's budget but the fault of a society that wants to be sick.

One may safely say that if a government came along with the right medicine at this time, it would immediately be unpopular and thrown out of office. Our society will not tolerate a cure. It demands that the symptoms be treated. Get rid of unemployment without raising the deficit; get rid of the deficit without creating greater unemployment. Keep inflation down and interest rates down. Make us healthy without hurting us.

Conservative Finance Critic John Crosbie may not be all that far off the mark when he said, "You have to be tough, mean and nasty and do all kinds of unpleasant things," to turn things around.

People must turn

We have grown accustomed to looking to the government for solving our economic problems. But the government cannot perform that miracle. It can only encourage the private sector, prevent injustices in taxation, and stimulate the economy from time to time. Basically it is the people that have to turn things around.

We may be sure that if a people were to live in covenant faithfulness to God even today there would be no unemployment, no deficit, no unequal taxing. Christians must always be willing to believe and testify to this, even though presently no society or nation is willing to prove it.

At the same time Christians must acknowledge the reality of a secular society and help shape policies that prevent further collapse and irresponsible living.

If we were to criticize Finance Minister Lalonde's budget it would not be so much on the fact that it does not stimulate the economy more with hand-outs or work creation programs. Nor that it does not at this time decrease the deficits significantly.

It is more that in the little things, such as tax breaks for the wealthy and no help for the farmers, there is a lack of moral leadership. There is little to show a concern for justice and to give evidence of right priorities.

The people need all the lessons they can get to help them understand that they must change their own priorities.

Letters

Working on game

Your editorial on Trivial Pursuit and other options was recently brought to my attention by a friend. I would like to let you in on what we are dong.

About a year ago another friend, Margaret Harriss, and myself, Nancy Matheis, were sparked by the idea of making a biblical trivia game. We thought and talked about it and found encouragement from other sources and decided to go ahead with the idea.

Since then we have gotten copyright, industrial design, and are working on the trade mark for the board game we have envisioned and made. The design of the board and cards was our own which we gave to an industrial designer to have made into a good copy.

Currently we are finishing the questions, looking for a printer, and seeking financial backing. We are staggered by the enormous amount of work and money that is still required to get the game off the press.

I guess that is where you come into the picture. If there are others who have responded to this editorial we would be more than willing to pool ideas and resources in order to come out with one God-glorifying product. Perhaps an advertisement in *Calvinist Contact* would be the best route to go.

I would be very willing to talk to you and if necessary come for a presentation of our objectives and the game itself.

Nancy Matheis,
New Westminster, BC

Our reply is in the mail
Editor

Just because everybody does it ...

The modern emphasis on freedom of expression has taught all of us that we have the obligation to express our concerns, even though we may step in where angels fear to tread.

I generally agree with Dr. Sloat in the substance of his article on "Family," January 6, especially at the last where he writes that sex is a wholesome gift of God, adding immeasurably to life when practiced as He intended.

What then does Dr. Sloat mean when he writes about "normal teenage masturbation," except to assert that everybody does it, which often appears to be true in our aberrant society. We should ask, is masturbation normative; that is, is it necessary and conducive to good, all-around physical, emotional, and sexual development? Is it something God has intended, really? Charlie Shedd surely must think so if he called masturbation "God's gift."

Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Johns Hopkins University, a fine Christian and world-renowned gynecologist of a generation back, emphatically said *no* to the above question. Another world-renowned gynecologist, Dr. VanderVelde, whose name some of you Netherlanders may recall, unhesitatingly wrote that adolescents who engage in the practice frequently or promiscuously, as many disturbed children may do, would certainly sustain serious consequences in later life.

And then, of course, there's the "hero" of J.D. Salinger's novel, *Catcher in the Rye*, a young man who tragically

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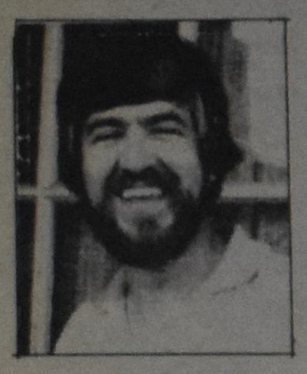


'Oh, when a mother meets on high
The babe she lost in infancy,
Hath she not then for pains and fears,
The day of woe, the watchful night,
For all her sorrow, all her tears,
An over-payment of delight?"
(Robert Southey, 1774-1843)

One of the most fascinating and most often asked questions among Christians, in my experience is: 'Will we recognize each other in heaven?' People who ask it usually would *like* to think so, but are somewhat unsure, if not outright doubtful. They're afraid that recognition implies two things: first, a remembrance of sorrows and bad experiences and, second, a missing of those who did not make it. They might even throw in the problem of people who've been married more than once, just for good measure.

Under those circumstances, it is claimed, there can be no perfect happiness. Therefore: no recognition in heaven.

I think the biblical point of view disagrees with that radically.

When I'm resurrected, I will still be Herman Praamsma, not someone else. Oh, I'll be *new*, I'll be *different*, I'll be all kinds of things I'm presently not. But I'll still be Herman. And what would be the point of that if George were not George and Diane not Diane, and Bert not Bert?

The Bible, it seems to me, bears this out rather straightforwardly. Abraham is still Abraham, complete with bosom; Moses and Elijah are recognizable to the point where they look just like what the disciples had always suspected; Jesus glorified body (the model for ours!) is greeted by the church with shouts of joy; Lazarus and the rich man do not suddenly become faceless anonimities (nobodies) when they die, but remain themselves in a real way.

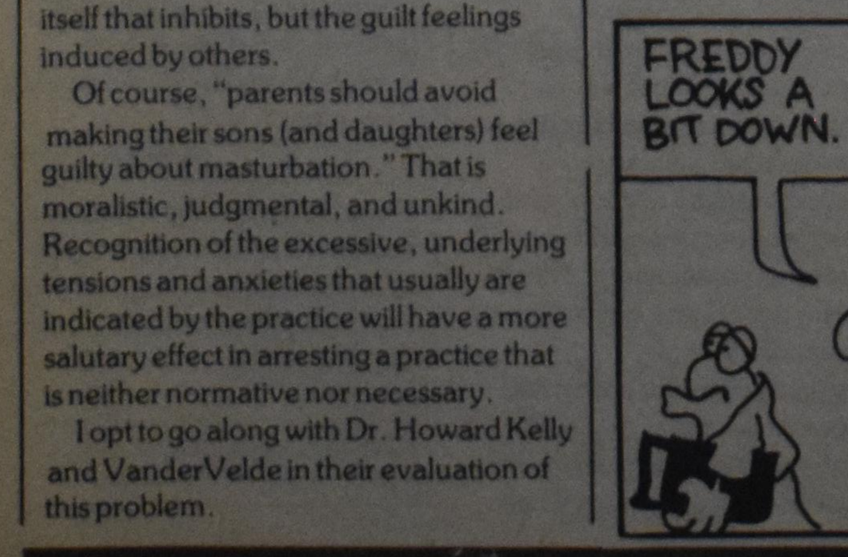
The surprise is in the *transformation*. We know what we are, we do not yet know what we shall be. Some delightful surprises can be anticipated however: John the Baptist will walk around with his head on his shoulders, not under his arm; the lady who always sits on the third row from the back in church, the one who is crippled up with arthritis, will walk straight, and the little girl who was always in bed, and whom we prayed for every Sunday will play in the fields of the Lord.

We don't have to speculate about all kinds of useless things. But we may delight in the careful craftsmenship of the Lord who made us each different, and who does not let go of the work of his hands. That work will one day come fully into its own. And we will be what we were intended to be: ourselves, minus sin.

One final, fascinating thought: what if we would treat people around us with that in mind? With the thought: 'George and Diane and Bert and myself will, in God's grace, spend an eternity together'? Would that affect the way we deal with others now?

It makes me think of I Corinthians 13! Read it today.

Herman Praamsma is pastor of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Rexdale, Ont.



Outside winds in the Church

So far I have rather quietly followed the dialogues on the subject of women in office, but now I feel that I should also add my voice to what has been said so far.

Frankly, what urged me on was the argumentation of Dr. Remkes Kooistra. I remember a sermon he preached in the Gereformeerde Kerk at the H.B. Blijdensteinlaan in Enschede around the year 1951. He urged the women of the church to be Dorcasses since the Church needed women to be engaged on the social-benevolent level. His opinions have changed (C.C. Jan. 27, 1984).

It now seems that the Church of our Lord has discriminated against women since the outpouring of the Spirit almost 2000 years ago. However, neither the Spirit nor Peter and Paul recognized women in office. Nor did St. Augustine, Calvin, or Abraham Kuyper, Neither did Klaas Schilder. Yet Rem Kooistra does.

He even goes as far as to say that we experience a 'pentecostal wind of change.' Strange that a retired minister of the Word should say that. At Pentecost there was the sound as of wind, but it was only there where the believers gathered. Today's wind comes into the Church from the outside, from the world to be precise. Hardly pentecostal!

Certainly, sister Helpful should not sit in her kitchen so much. There is work to be done in the Kingdom beyond the confines of her home. A certain Rev. Kooistra once said that there should be Dorcasses. I say 'amen' to that because we do not have enough of them. Yet Dorcas was neither an elder nor a pastor. She was a helper. That is Scriptural.

If the ladies of our churches, those who have the Spirit's get-up-and-go, become elders and deacons, they don't have time to do the necessary things for our schools nor time to do their enormously important volunteer work at our institutions. Dreadful thought! What consequences!

Mr. Editor, we do not need a unisex church, for such a church cannot function any longer without Dorcasses We should not copy the reformed church in The Netherlands. Just take a look and see what their progressiveness has led to. In a church, thus disobedient, Isaiah 3:12 goes into effect.

Dr. Kooistra does not think that the 'inevitable decision' must lead to schisms. I have news for him since it is obvious that he no longer has his ear to the ground.

There will be a schism, for people will obey God rather than man, and I will tearfully join them. I hate to be pushed into what I believe to be unscriptural and I do not want to be dictated to by a minority.

If the ministers and elders at Synod truly represent the congregations, the 'inevitable' will be turned down. The trouble is that our churches are too often governed by a handful of pastors who are vocal enough to get their will done while ignoring the desires of the quiet majority.

Mr. Editor, most other orthodox churches are not so 'progressive.' They don't even discuss women in office. The less orthodox churches do.

And, oh yes, I am bound by my confession to be a member of the true church.

William R. Rang,
Dunnville, Ont.

Women in office? The sooner, the better

I believe the time has come that we are not able to keep women out of office in the Christian Reformed Church.

More and more of our young women are getting a higher education, and therefore will also want to go into the ministry. Since some of our churches are already making use of women as "elder helpers", why not elect them to the office of elder or deacon and ordain them? The same if they wish to become pastors.

We are losing some fine people to other churches, because of tradition.

I have not been able to find a text in the Bible where a women is forbidden to bring the good news of Salvation.

I would love to hear a woman minister preach from one of the pulpits of the CRC. I dare say many more think the same way I do.

Henny Schoon,
Chatham, Ont.

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couldn't "make it with girls" because he had indulged in masturbation early in life. That novel is not surrealism! The evidences tend to suggest that masturbation damages self-esteem and inhibits social development. Today the usual reply to this is: it's not the practice itself that inhibits, but the guilt feelings induced by others.

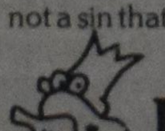
Of course, "parents should avoid making their sons (and daughters) feel guilty about masturbation." That is moralistic, judgmental, and unkind. Recognition of the excessive, underlying tensions and anxieties that usually are indicated by the practice will have a more salutary effect in arresting a practice that is neither normative nor necessary.

I opt to go along with Dr. Howard Kelly and VanderVelde in their evaluation of this problem.

How can we agree with the superficial statements attributed to Dr. James Dobson, "(it) is bound to happen," but "is not a sin that is going to affect one's spiritual standing with God." To the "stresses of adolescent peer pressure" such observations would add the weight of uncritical adult acquiescence. Nor need anyone validate the practice by saying, "an appropriate channel is necessary" or "masturbation can help channel that sexual energy."

Masturbation is not normative, though it may be considered normal by some.

Arthur Davies,
Holland, Michigan



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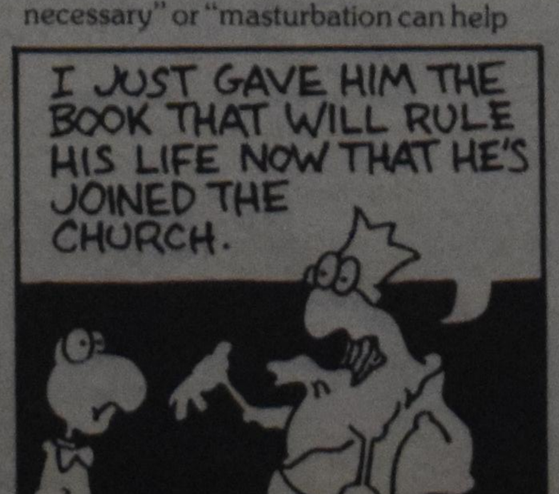
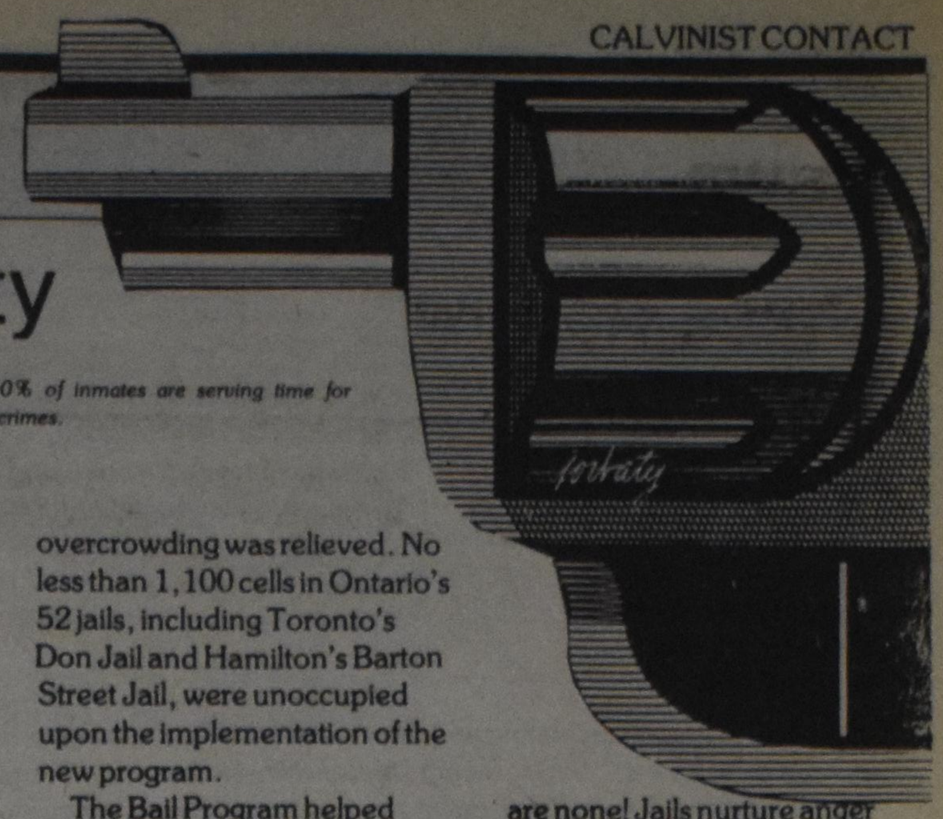


Society

End of bail program — A travesty of justice



Only 10% of inmates are serving time for violent crimes.

John de Vries, Jr.

Sooner or later you may be called to go to jail — we also call them detention centres. Although the young man visited was not yet pronounced guilty of breaking the law, he was in JAIL awaiting his day in court.

Jails debilitate rather than rehabilitate. Jails act corrosively like salt on the highways eats at our cars. No one who enters jail is released unscarred by the humiliating and personally degrading experience. Four years of service as a prison chaplain have made this sad fact and revelation undeniably clear to me. Nevertheless, this young man and thousands like him wait in JAIL for their day in court.

Bail program helpful

Three years ago the residents of Ontario were encouraged by the establishment of the provincial Bail Program. Now persons awaiting trial for nonviolent offences and without money for bail could work out mutually acceptable alternatives to prison incarceration during the time before their day in court. Immediately prison overcrowding was relieved. No less than 1,100 cells in Ontario's 52 jails, including Toronto's Don Jail and Hamilton's Barton Street Jail, were unoccupied upon the implementation of the new program.

The Bail Program helped those without personal resources many of us take for granted — money, employment, family, friends or health. The person attending school, if accepted by the Bail Program, could stay in school. Those who were employed did not have to lose their job. The heads of family were not separated from their homes.

The amount of money saved by the tax payer was great. The daily cost to the tax payer to lodge prisoners is more than the average community hotel or motel. Jail costs are $73.29 per diem whereas bail supervision costs $2.60 per day.

The tension produced by prison overcrowding was overcome. Incomparable in savings were the human benefits gained by the just and equitable establishment of the Bail program: the emotional pain, the social strain, and the family disruption brought on by the prison experience was spared the poor and resourceless members of our community.

For example, in 1983 the Toronto Bail Program clients, who were unable to post bail money and were able to work out alternative solutions, were sentenced as follows: thirty percent were judged not to be guilty of the charge, twenty-seven percent were placed on probation, and twelve percent were given fines. Almost seventy percent of those who would previously have spent time in jail did not have to undergo the jail experience.

With the program in place the 'rich' and the 'poor' are given equal opportunity to be spared the 'jail experience.'

A stunning setback

Recently, it was quietly announced by the Ontario Ministry of Corrections that it intends to terminate the funds of the provincial Bail Program. This comes to the residents of Ontario as a stunning setback in the delivery of fairness and justice to the 'rich' and the 'poor.' Presently our jails are overcrowded. What will happen when the Bail Program is terminated? Jails are a growing industry. Prisons and related support ministries are thriving as never before. What price in dollars and human lives are we willing to pay?

Ask anyone who has visited jail or who works in jail. What are the positive effects of the jail experience on a person? There are none! Jails nurture anger and resentment. Jails feed the sin, the sickness, and the deviancies already evident in the person's life.

I will be the first to say that society must be protected. But when everyone agrees jails are not the solution do we add gas to the fire? Ten per cent of the prison inmates are there for reason of violent crimes. Society needs to be protected and they need to be punished. But do we know that ninety per cent of the inmates are wasting away in prison for non-violent crimes?

Everybody pays. The cost to the tax payer is ever growing! The workers in jails are equally affected by the corrosive and debilitating prison experience. Our society pays double when it thinks jail solves the crime problem when in fact the opposite is true. Furthermore, those who pay most dearly are those who are imprisoned while awaiting their day in court.

Without a public outcry to Premier Davis or the local provincial Members of the Legislature for a reconsideration of the termination of the Bail Program, the more equitable and just Bail program will be terminated on March 31, 1984. It will open the door to the regressive practice of jailing persons who have not yet appeared before the judge.

This action is unwise, counterproductive, and vindictive. It makes our province less safe. It makes our practice of justice less fair. It brings one form of justice for the 'rich' and another form of justice for the 'poor.'

As I think of the young man and thousands in our communities like him visited in jail, I recall the word of God Almighty. God spoke to the people of Israel in a similar situation. These words given by the prophet Amos merit our hearing and response also today,

"I hate, I despise your religious feasts.
I cannot stand your assemblies ...
let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like an everlasting stream."

(Amos 5:21,25)

Post Script: Cabinet has met since the article was written to postpone the termination of the Bail Program until September 1, 1984.

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News

Press Review

Carl D. Tuyl

Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap, so the Tories found out. Complaining about the Grits' file on Mulroney, they saw the tables turned on themselves when Trudeau, who had just returned from Moscow, disclosed that the opposition probably has a larger file on him.

He gave such a spirited performance that even the members who were sneaking a smoke behind the curtains applauded. In the debate, however, the level of politics in the House descended to the level of streetfighting and knife-twisting. Check Lord's Day 40!

Trudeau called for a caucus meeting, and immediately rumours began to fly about his resignation. It was the so-maniest false alarm, and the members of the press corps, assembled in great array, were told that they had the year wrong.

The Minister of Employment did not contribute much to the esteem in which the opposition holds the government. He published, as asked, the more than 5000 job-creation projects. Alas, he forgot to categorize them by ridings. It will take the opposition a couple of weeks to figure that out.

The Dome Petroleum Company appears more and more to be a colossal tiger, whose tail is held by the government of Canada. The Japanese let go: two deep bows, one thank you very much, and gone they were, leaving our government to foot the bill.

Ottawa has little choice but to keep pouring money into this bottomless pit because some thirty or fourty Canadian companies have attached themselves to Dome, like fortune seekers to a rich spinster. In an election year the government would not like to see the debacle of mass bankruptcy. So we keep drilling in the Beaufort Sea, you and I, with as much chance of making the enterprise profitable as a janitor has seeing chewing gum dissolve on the pews.

The undertaking was based on the presumption that world oil prices would go over $100 per barrel, and we all know how accurate that prediction was. Although, judging by our trips to the pump, we might indeed think that the price of oil simulates the price of gold. But that is only courtesy of our beloved government exacting what is Ceasar's.

The citizens of British Columbia were hit by the proverbial double whammy. They saw their provincial taxes increase and services cut back. Whether they like it or not, it is without a shadow of a doubt the only way to bring government spending under control. Whether it is politically achievable is another question.

The French Socialist government, uncharacteristically, tried it, and truckers, hit by high gasoline prices, put the country to a standstill by parking their rigs on the highways.

Our own trueblooded Socialist, Broadbent, announced in the House that he too had a file. It was the file of Tory policy. Smiling broadly, the partyleader waved a blank piece of paper inthe air, and deserves therewith the first prize for House-humour this week.

The spending estimates of the government for the new fiscal year were tabled in the Commons. My reaction to them was the same as the one I suffered when I smoked my first cigarette: extreme dizziness. Just servicing our debt will amount to twenty cents on every dollar spent. Ah well, what's a billion here and there.

In Lebanon everyone is putting the squeeze on Gemayel. A new four point peace plan proposed by the Saudi's asks for a new government. The American Marines have left. "Relocated" was the official word, because American Marines never withdraw. To add insult to injury, Washington announced that Gemayel could forget about further arms assistance. That man is going down the drain faster than the country he is supposed to govern. A confrontation between Isreal and Syria threatens. Israeli troops have already advanced to the North.

The Canadian ambassador in Washington delivered our country's official protest about lack of American cooperation in the fight against acid rain. If Reagan wasn't taking his afternoon nap he was probably too busy with schemes for his re-election. Republicans (read big business) are not planning to spend a great deal of their newly gained profits on pollution control.

The earth is not the Lord's, but it seems to belong to Amway and its corporate counterparts of the universe. Corporations of the earth arise; you have nothing to lose but your profits.

I may as well end on a sour note, that's how I feel anyway. The people of Iran and Iraq are quite successful in stepped-up efforts at killing each other. Things are going fine, thank you! The desert is red. No wonder some people like animals better than human beings.

No jokes this week — the world is a joke, a bad one at that!

Reformed merchants and professionals band together

... continued from front page.

The proposal to add 7 members to the board was clearly defeated, and the meeting fell again to a calmer frame of mind. (See next week's issue for an editorial comment on this aspect of the meeting).

More quiet waters

Approval to incorporate, to establish the membership and to appoint a part- or full-time Executive Director for a year was really given by the meeting.

The hope was expressed by some of the organizers that the membership would come to 500 or more within the next year. To that end locals will be established in various communities.

Since no budget had been prepared it was moved that the organization not operate on a deficit in the coming year.

The following people were elected as the Provisional Board of Directors until the first annual meeting: Sidney Harkema, William Voortman, James Antonides, John Hultink, Arend Kersten and Dick Kranendonk.

The meeting was ended with prayer offered by Mr. Bill Smouters of Hamilton, Ontario.

Article III of the RCBPA Constitution

Purposes

The purposes of the Association are as follows:

1. To provide a medium for a united witness regarding the role of Christian businessmen and professional people in contemporary society.
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5. To foster and develop high professional standards and ideals among the members and among young people who are seeking to prepare themselves for a career in business or one of the professions.
6. To establish and administer appropriate programs for the economic well-being of its members and those who are seeking to prepare themselves for a career in business or one of the professions.
7. To organize conventions and/or conferences for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes.
8. To prepare, publish, and distribute instructional, promotional, and other materials including periodicals, for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes.

Special Education issue

The date for the Education Issue has been set for April 20. We hope to explore the fabric of christian education across Canada by way of profiling various schools from each of Canada's regions. If you can send us a photo of your school and let us know something about it, including what makes it unique to your area, please do so.

Besides introducing the various christian schools in the country, we would also like to display student work in the form of poetry, essay or art work.

Two items from each of the following categories should be submitted: Elementary: K-3, 4-6, 7-8; Highschool: 9-10, 11-13 and College.

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Church

Pastoral Pondering

Times of personal crisis and temptation

Carl D. Tuyl

Last week I looked at a definite heresy in the present translation of the Heidelberg Catechism used by the Christian Reformed Church. This week I want to look at a problem in translation.

Let us take a look at Question and Answer 44 of Lord's Day XVI:

Q: "Why does the creed add: "He descended into hell?"

A.: "To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell."

It is obvious that the confession in this part of Lord's Day XVI does not want to get involved in questions about the nature or the locality of hell. The catechism says without any hesitation that this last addition to the Apostles' Creed has a pastoral content and intention.

There is, and always has been in the church an expressed hesitation to interpret this creedal statement literally. That started already with Olevianus:

"His soul did not rest in the grave, nor did it walk the earth, rather as soon as it was separated from the body, it went to where the souls of believers who are loosed from their bodies, live in the peace and blessedness, namely in paradise."

The Westminster Catechism speaks of Jesus being under the power of death as the meaning of the addition "he descended into hell." Zwingli also considered the statement to be an affirmation of Jesus' death, and no more.

The Heidelberg Catechism then does not deviate from historic reformed formulations when it places the statement of Jesus' descent into hell in a purely pastoral context.

To assure me when?

But to what pastoral need then does the catechism refer? To what particular need does the confession address itself? The current translation applies the pastoral comfort of this part of the Apostles' creed to "times of personal crisis and temptation."

The specific application of comfort is not spelled out. Bankruptcy, the break-up of relationships, the touch of death are all incidents of personal crisis. Is the believer in those situations to take particular comfort from the creedal statement that Jesus descended into hell?

The annual duty of returning tax forms, one's sexuality, and easy access to someone else's cash are only a few situations which offer temptation. Facing such enticements is one to be particularly strengthened by the confession that Jesus descended into hell?

I believe that the current translation has unfortunately generalized something which had specific application. In generalizing the pastoral intent of the creedal statement, the translation has let go of the very powerful pastoral comfort in the specific crisis and temptation to which Lord's Day XVI wants to address itself.

The original wording speaks of "Anfechtungen". "Dasz ich in meinen hochsten Anfechtungen versichert sei ..." The previous version of the catechism spoke of "greatest temptations," and the Dutch renders "in mijn hoogste aanvechtingen."

The pastoral force of this addition of the Apostles' Creed is meant for people who suffer from "Anfechtungen," and it is not meant to be generally applicable to "times of personal crisis and temptation."

Times of doubt

What then are "Anfechtungen?" It was Martin Luther who coined the word. He meant it to connotate the very deepest crisis of faith namely the doubt in one's own salvation. Doubt about one's inclusion in the atoning and saving work of Jesus Christ.

The writers of the catechism were not thinking of just any crisis or temptation; they had one particular crisis and one specific temptation in mind! The doubt of being personally included in God's salvation.

The catechism in Question and Answer 44 is thinking about people who fear the prospect of being lost in outer darkness. The present translation obscures that fact, and therefore dims the intention of the confession.

We must place an emphasis on the personal pronoun in the creedal statement: *He* descended into hell! "In meinen hochsten Anfechtungen" I must and may remember that "He humbled Himself unto the very deepest reproach and anguish of hell, in body and soul, on the tree of the cross, when he cried out with a loud voice: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? that we might be accepted of God, and nevermore be forsaken of Him..."

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CR See

In case you sometimes wonder
by whom this world is beguiled,
Here is something to ponder:
you are no doubt Cain's child.

Sy Nodd

Our minister received a raise
as did the janitor and his wife:
the organist received mere
praise,
and a request to play for life.

Klaas Sis

Church News

Christian Reformed Church

Called

— to Grande Prairie-La Glace CRC, Alta., the Rev. Duane R. Smith of Vauxhall, Alta.

— to Zion CRC, Oshawa, Ont., the Rev. Henry Wildeboer of First CRC, Calgary, Alta.

Intensive care

White-washed walls whisking
by
reflecting terror and pain.
Gasping for life I see dimly
angels in white, and
stethoscoped doctors
wagging their heads.
This earthly tent, once strong
and sturdy,
now oxygen-starved, is
wheeled into intensive care;
the heart barely beating.
Death's door slowly opens;
must I drift through it?

Suddenly, a merciful narcosis
stills the pain, as life
floats through tubes
and I am removed from reality;
death but a heartbeat away.

O God I am but a breath of air
before eternity I stumble ...
Please, Lord, hear me
and take me into your intensive
care,
for Jesus sake.

Rev. William Suk,
Fall 1984

Press Parade

Catholicism loses official status in Italy

Sylvia de Vries

The socialist Prime Minister of Italy, Bettino Craxi, has proposed major changes in the country's relationship with the Vatican in a revision to the Holy See's 55-year-old concordat with the Italian state.

These proposed changes were recently presented to parliament and are the fruit of 15 years of negotiations between the Vatican and an increasingly secular Italian state.

Although most Italians are baptized Roman Catholics, divorce is legal in Italy and the country has one of Western Europe's most liberal abortion laws. There have been battles between church and state over divorce and abortion. In the past decade the church has backed two referendums to overturn existing laws and lost.

Under the revised concordat (agreement), while Vatican City would remain an independent state run by the Pope, the church would give up many of its privileges.

One of the major ones deals with religious education. Under the 1929 agreement all elementary school students *were required* to take religious instruction unless they asked to be exempted; under the revision students are required *to ask* for religous instruction.

Also under the old agreement, Rome was designated a "sacred city," thereby limiting or banning books, plays and movies deemed offensive to the Pope until fairly recently; under the revision Rome loses its "sacred city" designation and only the "particular significance" of Rome to Roman Catholics is recognized. Today the city's newsstands are swamped with hardcore pornography.

Other changes would drop the provision of "special treatment" (e.g. a separate cell) for an arrested priest and no longer deny a teaching priest leaving the church, a post in Italian schools and universities.

The Vatican also has financial privileges which are under discussion. Still unresolved is the tax status of charities and hundreds of religious institutions not part of Vatican City or its extraterritorial property.

The proposed revision guarantees protection for those with religious goals but a commission to weed out those with commercial ends has been suggested by Mr. Craxi. The commission to report back before the revised concordat is ratified.

To give up rights and privileges considered for centuries to be an inalienable right will no doubt be difficult for the Vatican. It does not fit the view the Roman Catholic Church has of itself vis a vis the State.

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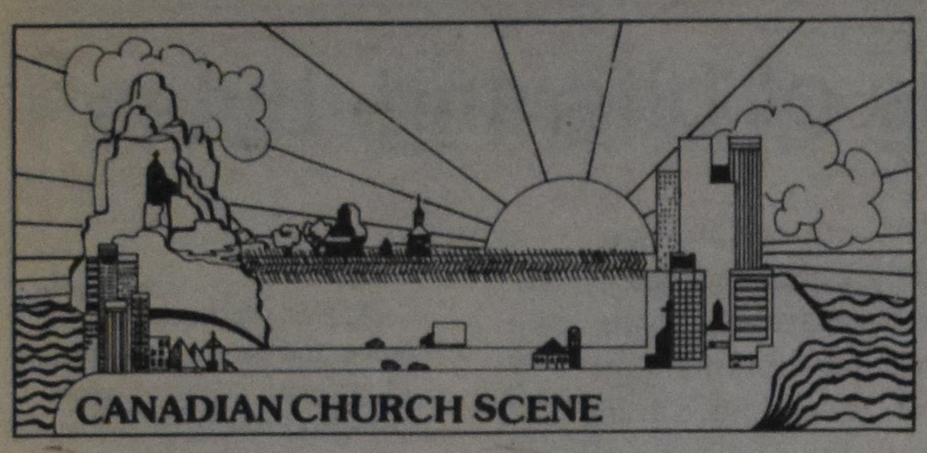


Jacob Kuntz

What do pornography, prostitution, Progressive Conservatives and a position paper of Sally Ann have in common? Two things: they all start with p and all of them are talked about in Rev. Kuntz' column.

On Pornography and Prostitution

The Catholic Register (Jan. 21, '84) is not happy at all about the way the Government of Canada deals with the matter of pornography and prostitution. The Department of Justice has appointed a special committee "to ascertain the views of the public," but The Register sees some real problems here which many C.C. readers will share: it is concerned that the views of the people will replace the laws of God. These are some of its concerns:

The very fact that this committee has been established — and it is not unique by any means — underlies a very significant fact of Canadian life: moral issues are now being decided by consensus. This means that all the prevailing opinions about pornography and prostitution will be thrown into a huge pot, stirred until there is some consistency and a product is produced which the committee hopes will be accepted or at least tolerated.

The federal government currently wants to know where the public stands on pornography and prostitution. The question is: What will the public oppose, tolerate or accept on these issues?

The laws regarding sexual behaviour were written by God and revealed to man explicitly. "You shall not commit adultery ... You shall not covet your neighbour's wife." These laws, one-fifth of the Ten Commandments, have been burned into the granite of eternity. There is no appeal. The Creator of the universe has spoken. And, if there was any doubt about God's intentions, Christ explained. "You have learned how it was said: 'You must not commit adultery.' But I say this to you: If a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

According to the tenor of the discussion paper published by the Committee on Pornography and Prostitution, the moral issues are just one of the many that will be stirred in the huge pot in order to arrive at a consensus. This clearly shows that the nation has lost its traditional moorings. There was a time when the laws of God and the teachings of Christ were the standards against which all conduct was judged. In a permissive society, which Canada has become, the lowest common denominator becomes the standard. And this is the standard that courts are currently using to determine if anything is pornographic or abscene.

If Christian groups present their views honestly and boldly at the hearings of the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution, they risk being labelled by a large segment of the public as narrow-minded, authoritarian, Victorian, not-with-it." There will be a price to pay. And, this is another indication of just how far the nation has wandered from its fundamental Judeo-Christian outlook on life.

Anglican concern about P.C. policy

As every newspaper reader knows it has been difficult to find out where the Progressive Conservative Party under its new leader Brian Mulroney stands on a number of important current issues. The party feels that it is their prerogative to keep their ideas secret for the time being, in order to reveal them during or after an election campaign.

The (Anglican) Churchman, in an editorial in its Jan. '84 issue, does not have much appreciation for this policy and urges the party to change it, in the interest of the Canadian public that before long will be called to vote. The article, with which many of us will agree, is entitled **Canadians must know where parties stand:**

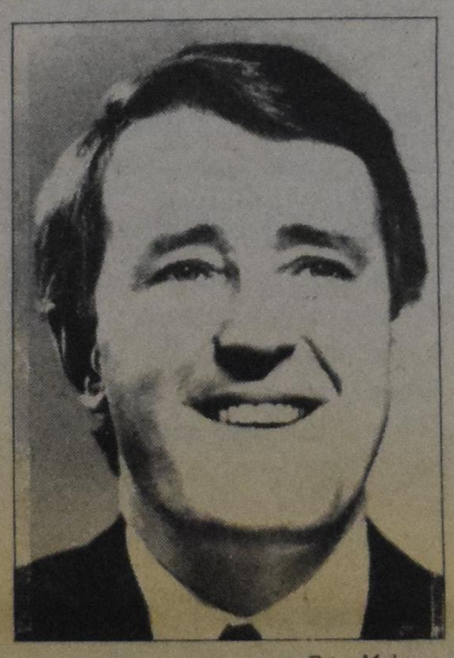
A policy begun by former Conservative leader Joe Clark and being continued by his successor Brian Mulroney is changing the face of party politics in this country.

That policy is to keep secret the various platforms of the party, until the party is elected to power.

Responding to a recent query about the Conservative's stand on Medicare, Mr. Mulroney wrote that "it would be politically unwise for our Party to announce a detailed platform too far in advance of an election, since circumstances change and policy needs change with them ..."

In a recent interview, former Tory finance minister John Crosbie referred to his party's stand on specific economic issues as "a blurred shadow" or "a moving target."

He added, "We're not giving anything away. If you want to find out, elect us."



Brian Mulroney

Even on such short-term crises as the U.S. invasion of Grenada, the leader of the Opposition refuses to say whether he supports or condones the action taken.

While this avoidance of policy discussion by a beleaguered Joe Clark could be understood, it is distressing to see it continued by his successor.

There seems little reason for Mr. Mulroney to adopt such a highly defensive stand.

Unfortunately, this seems to be the direction in which Conservative party politics will go for the near future. And the problem is, that it may become accepted as a normal, rather than abnormal, stance.

The one thing that separates political parties is the principles for which they stand.

It was because of principles that the parties were originally formed. Policies are developed around these principles, and reflect them; they are the banner which the party carries at all times, both before and after an election.

The man who leads the Opposition party in Parliament is not simply the leader of a number of elected politicians. He is also the leader of those in the electorate who disagree with the Government's policies or actions.

As Opposition leader in Parliament he must not only oppose those actions of the Government with which he disagrees, but he must, at the same time, declare alternate policies which his party would enact if they formed the majority in the House.

Only in this way can the Opposition leader rally the electorate — and particularly the "undecided" electorate — to his party's banner.

Only in this way can he build up the commitment of Canadians to his party and expect them to remain with the party through difficult times.

To stand in Opposition and refuse to reveal policies before an election takes place is to ask the Canadian public to buy a pig in a poke.

In the euphoria which has followed the Conservative leadership convention, Canadians have not questioned the stand Mr. Mulroney and his shadow Cabinet have been taking.

It has been enough that there has been a new face, a different personality, on the other side of the House.

But it is to be hoped that the electorate will start to demand what it has always expected from the parties who sit in the House of Commons: the right to know what policies are espoused by all those whom they have elected to represent them.

Salvation Army on homosexuality

Nearly every church and religious group has had to face the problem of homosexuality in our society. The Christian Reformed Church took some important decisions in 1973 with respect to this issue. It can be very helpful to learn what others have said about it. The Salvation Army which has such a deep interest in social and moral issues has come up with a "positional statement" on homosexuality. It distinguishes between a homosexual tendency and homosexual behaviour — a distinction which reminds us of the decisions of the 1973 Synod that spoke of "homosexuality" (the tendency, the orientation) and "homosexualism" (the actual behaviour). Here follows the statement of the S.A.:

The Salvation Army is vitally concerned with strengthening family life. Salvationists are disturbed by any behaviour which is destructive to this basic unit of our society. The Scriptures affirm that healthy relationships between husband and wife and parents and children are necessary to satisfactory family life. Both male and female homosexual behaviour, promoted and accepted as an alternative life-style, present a serious threat to the integrity, quality and solidarity of society as a whole.

We believe, however, that we should seek, in the spirit of Jesus Christ, to understand and help the homosexual, differentiating between homosexual acts and the innate tendency which may or may not lead to that activity.

a) Homosexual behaviour, like any deviant behaviour, is capable of control. Not all

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School

Chalkmarks

A mental health slip, please

Calgary Christian High publishes a school newspaper called *The 3rd Estate*. The January 1983, (oops 84!) editorial written by editor Karen VanderMeulen, raises an interesting idea. That of a mental break to prevent "institutional sanity."

Writes Karen, "We spend 6-8 hours a day together for a minimum of 200 days a year in a small school, and it is quite obvious that something needs to be done to prevent us, teachers and students alike, from climbing the walls."

"Apparently, some teachers have already requested having 'mental health' days as part of their contract. I think this is a good idea, since teachers have a lot of work to do."

"Because students are also under a certain amount of pressure, I think that students should be allowed 'mental health spares.'"

Writes Miss VanderMeulen, "this policy could ...very easily be abused."

However, "if a mental health spare policy was to be instituted, I think everyone would benefit."

The 3rd Estate,
Calgary Christian High

Who reads Johnny?

I knew a tall man once
who endeared himself to children
because he took them seriously.
He respected them as persons
and proved it by reaching down to their level.
I mean this, literally;
he would stoop down, kneeling sometimes
to look into their eyes
and to really hear them.
He played with them,
but never as toys,
for he knew that no person is ever a toy.

In education, as in all human relationships,
the question is not so much,
why Johnny can't read
as, who reads Johnny?

Our Lord knew what was in men.
He read well and carefully
each person's mind and heart.
Love's library is people;
it reads the individual
and aims to see and understand
each person, one by one.
If we care, we will be alert
to mood and feeling.

We will know that our reading assignment,
as teachers or parents,
is that living, feeling,
learning person.

In more ways than one,
life's most important task
is to learn to read.

Taken from "Bless My Growing" by Gerhard E. Frost,
submitted by Bernice Hollaar
West Edmonton Christian School Newsletter #6

A language of bits and bytes

Jim Vreugdenhil, principal of Trenton Christian School in Ontario, reported in the February issue of the *Reflector*, that $1,000 had been donated to the school for the purchase of computer equipment. In the same issue of the newsletter, Allan King, a grade 7 teacher, wrote the following humorous article about computers in the classroom.

Change — In all around I see

There's a kind of new excitement in the halls and staffroom of T.C.S. these days. A new language is being spoken. Well, it is not really new. They use old words but they have a new meaning. Words like "software" and "hardware" are being used. New combinations of the alphabet and numbers are being bandied about like "V.C.R.'s", "64s", "Pets", "bits and bytes", and "MacIntosh's." When I hear someone talking about "soft wear" I spell it that way, mentally, and think of soft baby things. But I'm wrong! You spell it "software" and mean something entirely different! When I hear of "hardware" I think of "Pro" and hammer and nails! Again I am away off! "64" is not the $64 question. Pets are not dogs and cats. MacIntosh's are not apples. Bits and bytes are not munchies.

When young people go on with their jargon, I listen, and let it go but when my fellow staff members start using familiar words that have different meanings, then I had better listen and at least try to look intelligent.

Things do change as time passes. It is not just a 1984 occurrence. "45s" and "33s" are almost outdated now and as for "78s", forget it! Since I am living in '84 I am determined that I will know what people are saying. So I am trying to learn and not look quite so blank when these "old" words with "new" meanings are tossed around.

Undoubtedly this is the age of the computer and of video cassette recorders. Commodore 64, Pet, and MacIntosh are all computers (in case you are wondering). I am not yet sure about "bits" and "bytes" but I am trying.

Computers still rather awe me. Many different notions are conjured up when I think of them but it is not quite as bad as it used to be. You see, I went to a session on computers at the Teachers' Convention and actually put something into one. Wow! I hasten to add that I had a lot of help from a fellow staff member. Since then I have listened to another staff member speak of her experiences in her night course on computers and since then three other staff members attended a special computer workshop.

It was encouraging to hear what was said at that workshop. One thing the speaker said was that computers were stupid machines. (Aha! I hear you say — just what I thought). But wait. He did not stop there. He went on to say that computers could only do what you told them to do. So you see they are not so different than your car, or washing machine, or mixer — machines you operate. You are in control of these machines. We control the computer too.

There is no question that I have much to learn about "software" and "hardware" and "bits" and "bytes" but I am already convinced that there is a place for them in furthering the education of our children.

Movies, slides, filmstrips, tapes, and overhead projectors all came in for criticism when first introduced but now they are an integral part of our program. I never had them when I was in school as a student. We used slates for math and blackboards. We still use blackboards but slates have given way to notebooks which are unquestionably better. I use a ball point pen, was there ever any other kind of pen? Science, History, Geography, became alive and much more meaningful with slides, movies, and overheads.

Oh yes, we still teach that 2 + 2 = 4. Photosynthesis is still the same. In other words, the material has not radically changed but the methods have. I am all for progress. I love new methods that improve my ability to communicate to, and train, the students.

Let's be open to any and every change of method that will help get these basic ideas across. Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday *and today* and forever. Any advice that will enable me to reinforce that truth, and others, is for me.

Computers and V.C.R.s will definitely help in achieving this in the days ahead and will need "software," "hardware," and "bits," and "bytes", and perhaps even MacIntosh's!

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The Government has recognized an area of entrepreneurialship for the youth of the province. It is offering to students 15 years old and over interest-free loans up to $2,000 to start a summer business. In addition, the Ontario Youth Secretariat is willing to supply them with the advice they might need in cooperation with The Royal Bank, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and local participating Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade.

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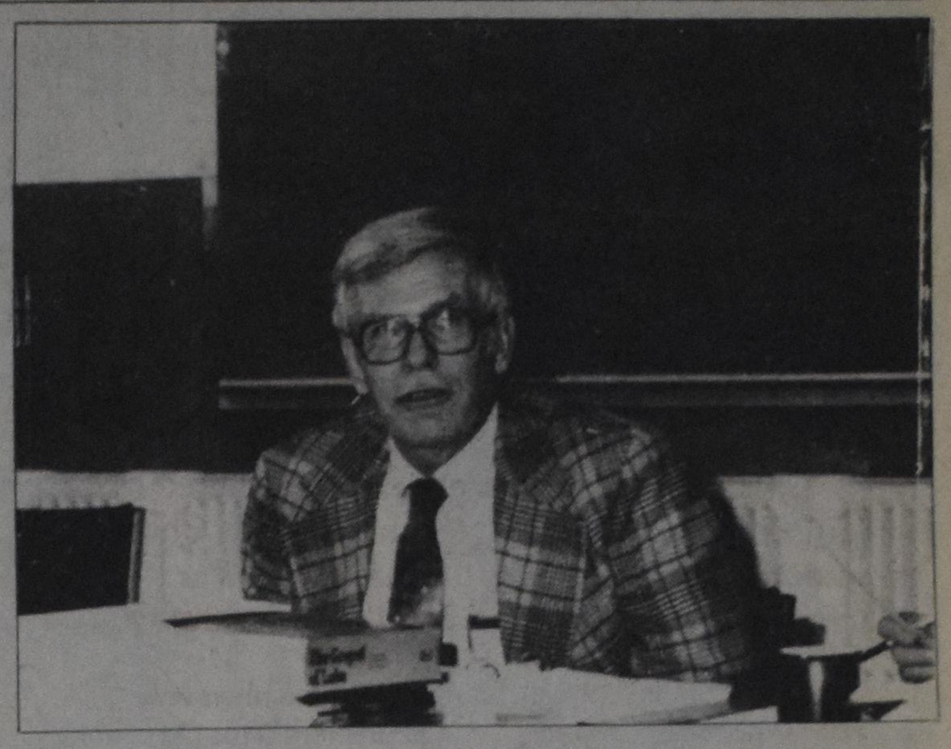
Community Report

Preaching from the gospels



Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary

Jack Vos

During the second week in January the Institute for Christian Studies sponsored a workshop for preachers. Weary from the previous holiday season, they were in for an exciting time of refreshment. "Preaching from the Gospels" was the theme.

The lecturer was Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen, professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary since 1959. This past year the Free University of Amsterdam expressed its respect for his scholarship by appointing him to its chair of New Testament studies. This February he will assume his new duties there. His presence at the workshop therefore also provided the last opportunity for many to benefit from his knowledge of and love for the New Testament.

The workshop itself proved to be excellent. The focus was on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Together with the gospel of John these gospels are preached from more often than are any other books of the Bible. Growth in understanding these gospels will directly improve the messages preached to the congregation.

Justifiable differences

Many people have noticed how in the gospels seemingly similar events and parables are told in a somewhat different way and often have different settings. Many church-goers have also noted how preachers often overlook the differences among the gospels.

The impression is thereby given that the stories and parables mean the same thing in each context. Whether one reads about the cursing of the fig tree in one gospel or the other, the meaning is assumed to be the same.

This approach brings with it a strong temptation to harmonize differences, differences which the gospel writers have inserted under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. One overlooks the role that a story plays in the gospel in which it is found. It leads to unnecessary poverty in reading and preaching.

Dr. Van Elderen updated the participants on what is current in gospel studies. One element of this study is paying careful attention to the integrality of each gospel and its unique features.

Furthermore, the impression that many of us have had of the gospels is that their contents often are a mass of details thrown together rather haphazardly. Careful study of the gospels has shown this to be a wrong perception. Each gospel is a carefully crafted piece of writing in which the author gives each story its wording and place with great care. Preaching from the gospels therefore requires disciplined listening to the unique characteristics of each gospel, its language, structure, content and focus.

Guesswork vs. discipline

Of all Jesus' teaching it is perhaps the parables that awakens the greatest fascination. In this workshop they received special attention. In the history of the church they have been given widely differing interpretations, and for centuries the allegorical method reigned supreme.

Gradually the need was recognized for more discipline in interpretation. One must carefully note the nature of the parable, its structure, the people to whom it is addressed, and its setting in the gospel. Only then can one come to a responsible use of it for today.

In the gospel of Luke the parable of the lost sheep is found in a larger context of what is required for becoming a disciple of Jesus and is addressed to those who murmur about Jesus' contact with tax collectors and sinners.

In Matthew the parable of the straying sheep has as setting Jesus' instruction to his followers about their care for one another, and is addressed to the disciples who were debating the issue of who is the greatest in the kingdom. When one recognizes these differences, he has no need for harmonizing them; he sees instead how beautifully they complement each other.

Small cost — rich reward

Professor Van Elderen shared with the participants some of the rich results of his years of careful study. His presentation was enriched by his extensive knowledge of biblical archeology. Because the focus was placed on a disciplined understanding of the text of the gospel, the major themes of the gospels — the kingdom of God, faith, witness, repentance, love — were referred to but not analyzed in detail. A workshop with a focus on such a biblical-theological analysis would be an excellent follow-up.

Some workshops are probably close to a waste of time. Others are such that one cannot afford to pass them up. The one about "Preaching from the Gospels" was the latter. Yet surprisingly few attended. Maybe the price was too low!

More likely, many preachers considered themselves too busy. If they did, they were wrong. This kind of workshop leads to saving time in sermon making. One develops a better sense of what questions to ask and what to look for. If consistories knew how enriching such workshops can be and how little the cost, they could contribute to more responsible sermons or even threaten to depose their pastor if he didn't go!

The ICS performed a fine service in having Dr. George Vander Velde organize this workshop. Holding it reinforces the place of the Institute as a valuable link in the ministry to God's people.

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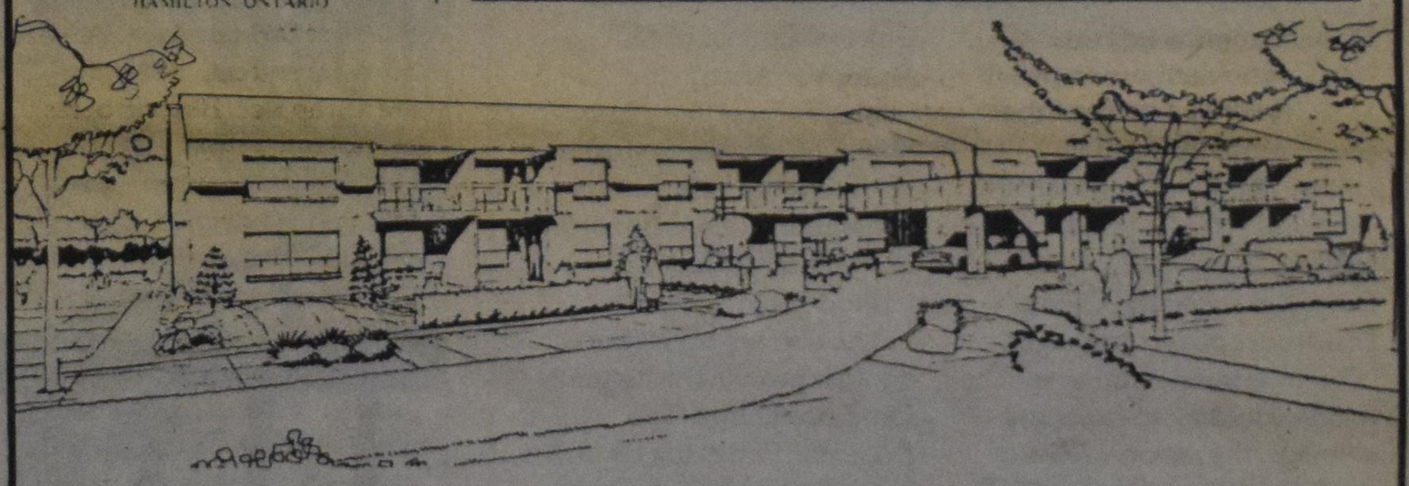

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Feature

Faith and immobility in the midst of suffering

a profile of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church

Paul G. Schrotenboer

Dr. Schrotenboer recently visited Bulgaria to attend the annual meeting of secretaries of Christian World Communions (CWC's), an event that sees representatives from the major part of Christendom. In this article he depicts the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, the state church in a country that has not felt the influence of the Reformation until the 19th century.

Contrary to popular opinion in Canada and the US, not all Orthodox Churches are Greek Orthodox. There are perhaps 12 independent Orthodox Churches in various areas of the world, divided not by doctrine but by culture and language. It is true that the Greek culture has placed a stamp on all of them, for, we were told, the Holy Revelation and the Holy Tradition come from God in the Greek culture. But in Bulgaria, at least, considerable effort was put forth in previous centuries to become independent organizationally and culturally from the Greek Orthodox Church. This effort met success only recently after Bulgaria came under Soviet control.

During the four centuries that Bulgaria was under Turkish (Muhammadan) rule (it ended in 1878) the Orthodox church preserved the Bulgarian culture, language and identity. This has its effect upon Bulgaria today as the founder of Bulgarian socialism, Georgi Dimitrov, openly recognized: "Our monasteries preserved the national feeling, the national strivings, the national pride of the Bulgarians and helped them to safeguard themselves from perishing as a nation."

Today the Bulgarian Orthodox Church is a church that has preserved until the present the apostolic faith in spite of severe and prolonged persecution. It is a faithful church. In the course of its preservation of the faith it has taken what may be called a stance of little or no change in the fortunes of history. It may therefore also be called a church in immobility.

Orthodox stress on liturgy

Orthodox churches are characterized by their stress on liturgy, Orthodox style. Central to all liturgy is the celebration of the Eucharist which is administered by the clergy, and apart from rare exceptions, for Orthodox members only.

Prominent in the Orthodox liturgy is the veneration (not worship) of icons. An icon is a painting depicting Jesus and His mother and consecrated by the priest. Icons are important in the Orthodox tradition because they emphasize and defend the doctrine of the Incarnation. They make clear that Jesus' coming was not docetic, that is, he did not simply appear to be human, but was an incarnation in the true sense. Moreover, the icons are painted in such a way as to direct the attention of the worshipper, not to the icon itself, but to the Saviour it depicts.

The veneration of icons is not a peripheral issue, but has been made canonical in the 7th General Council of 787. Moreover, since in the Orthodox view there is no hierarchy of canonical truths, one may conclude that the veneration of icons is to be put on the same level as the Orthodox tenets of faith.

The burning of candles is another prominent feature of Orthodox liturgy. The Bulgarian Orthodox Church has a state monopoly on the manufacture and sale of candles, which the faithful may purchase upon entering the church building, ignite and place on the two candle sticks, one for the living, the other for the dead.

Prayers to the saints is still another prominent feature of Orthodox worship. When we visited the Rila Monastery, we were shown the preserved body of St. John of Rila. His body was exhumed thirty years after burial many centuries ago and was found not to have decomposed. It was then transferred to the centre of the sanctuary and placed in a coffin where a bit of it can be viewed by visitors and kissed by the worshippers.

We were assured by the Father of the monastery that our meetings in Sophia would be successful because he had prayed to St. John of Rila for their success. We did have very good meetings.

The Orthodox Church claims that the unity of the church should be on the basis of the apostolic faith which they alone have preserved fully. What is needed is a general Christian council to formulate a statement of faith for today. However, before there can be a general council of all churches in Christendom there must first be a pan-Orthodox council which is now being prepared. However, it is not certain whether this will be held in the 20th century or later. The decisions of a general council will be normative for all the churches, just as the Nicene Creed is now, but only after the churches have received them as such.

The Rila Monastery

It may be said that the Orthodox churches are strong on worship but weak on social involvement. This is due not so much to the fact that their social activities are strongly curtailed in Eastern Europe as to their view of how the 'sacred realm' of human experience is related to the 'secular.' Only in the Eucharist is man elevated above the secular. What is most important is the liturgy which is controlled strictly by the clergy. There is recent mention of a "liturgy after the liturgy," which would then entail some kind of social involvement, but the contours of this liturgy after the liturgy are not entirely clear.

One question that often comes to the mind of the visitor from the West to Bulgaria is how the church fares in a nation controlled by a government which is avowedly atheistic. Part of the answer is that the Orthodox church is better off than are the Protestant Churches. This became apparent to us when we visited the three Protestant churches and talked to their pastors.

The Seventh-Day Adventist congregation recently defied the government and used a mimeograph machine to duplicate educational material for the congregation. The fine they received was extremely high. Bibles, moreover, are in short supply, and the shortage is felt more keenly by the Protestants with their stress on Bible study than by the Orthodox who depend for their spiritual strength largely on their passive presence in the worship services.

It must be stated, however, that the Orthodox church went out of its way several times to allow the local Protestant pastors to participate in our meetings. These pastors came regularly but did not seem to feel entirely at home, perhaps because it was a new experience to be invited to any Orthodox activity. The thought crossed the minds of a number of us that our presence may have initiated a more friendly relation between the churches.

Sheep stealing?

In the past the Orthodox church has felt greatly offended that missionaries from abroad try to win converts from the Orthodox ranks to their own faith. Since the Orthodox church was the state church until after World War II and nearly all children were baptized (today it is still about 75 %) the Protestant missionaries were often accused of sheep stealing.

Now, however, the St. Clement of Ohrid Theological Academy may soon allow Protestant students for the ministry to study there. Since there are no seminaries or Bible schools in Bulgaria except the one in Sophia, and travel abroad is severely restricted, this could be a boon to the Protestants.

At the meetings the question of proselytism came up for brief discussion. It was suggested that at a future meeting this should be openly discussed. The fact that secularism has affected the Eastern European countries as well as nations in the West would make this doubly apropos. One secretary said that such a discussion would have real merit so that there might be no stealing of sheep who are saved and no ignoring of sheep who are lost.

What is the general impression one has of a church untouched by the Reformation and certain that it does not need a reformation? On the one hand we could only rejoice that the ancient trinitarian faith of the apostles and early church has been maintained. On the other hand, one had to doubt whether the church, with its mystical view of the church, its stress on symbol rather than on teaching, its emphasis on the clergy, not the whole people of God, its insistence that the church councils are infallible and its prayers to the dead, does not really need to be reformed (as well as the rest of the people of God) to conform to the true genius of the New Testament teaching.

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Entertainment

Michael Kelly Blanchard:

A singer that gets to the heart of the matter

Michael Kelly Blanchard is not a household name among teens yet. However, as he finished another Canadian tour Ben Vandezande had a chance to interview him about his music and about his future.

Ben: *Michael, let's jump right into the middle of things and take the latest album "A Common Thread." A lot of the music I can really relate to because it's so human — Danny's Downs for example. Can you give us a bit of background as to how Danny's Downs happened?*

Michael: In Danny's Downs case, many people have asked after a concert, "Oh, do you know a Danny?" or "Do you know a situation like that?" The truth of it is that in one sense I do.

Danny's Downs was initially inspired by an article that George Will wrote, a columnist from Washington, D.C. It was an impassioned work responding to the infanticide situation in Indiana that became nationally recognized. His column was so beautifully done and ended by saying that he has a Downs Syndrome child. *What's to prevent you from making your song into a column? In other words, a strong heavy-handed, bash over the head. Danny's Downs is a very poignant song, it almost crawls into the skin of the parents. What restrains you?*

The heart of the matter. Anything of value of truth is going to be going to the heart of the matter. And when you go to theheart of the matter, it's not a red flag.

I was just moved. And when you're dealing with being moved, you're dealing with things out of the heart of the matter. It gets around the issue and to the individuals.

You get pictures

Ben: *We talk a lot about aging and caring for aged people. We do it in fairly general terms. And then you plop a song like "Mildred," and all of a sudden an aged person, in fact Mildred, comes before you. How did "Mildred" evolve?*

Michael: That's an interesting story. Heading to a concert, late, I came up over the horizon (it was in the spring — it was fairly warm out) and there's this woman all bundled up on the front porch of a little house. And while going by and seeing her I saw she was not well. She was all bundled up and cold when she should be warm. Why was she out on the front porch? Why wasn't she just dying in bed? No, she wanted to be out on the front porch.

I like to think of song writing as a human biopsy; you take a slice, you go in and you don't have any preconceptions about wanting it to end happy, sad or anything. You go in and be honest and pull out again.

And the point is that the picture is not just facts, it gets deeper than facts. If you're involved in the arts in the redemptive fashion, you're not just there to make a statement, you're there to be truthful to that person, to that whole situation, and redemption is championed if you do that.

There are a lot of people taking a slice of life, "exposing life for what it is." And yet with you there's rarely raw anger — it's always, I won't say tempered, but it's always complimented by something of Grace.

I like to look at human beings as God sees them — not the way we see them. We see them and we react. We see them and we're hurt. But if we saw people through the eyes of God (and that's presumptuous for me to say that) ... He sees them hurt and troubled and we just see the actions. But if we saw the heart behind that which was bangled, cut up and scared we would be far more prone to back up a little bit and get a broader picture of this person before we indicted and hung him.

The Irishman in Blanchard

Ben: *As we hear Danny's Downs and Mildred and Clair there is this sense of melancholy starting to pervade the room. But I've been to a few of your many concerts and it's just the reverse. You have an awful lot of horse-around fun which is one of the things that appeal to me.*

Michael: Oh yes, remember it's .... with the melancholy it's Michael *Kelly* Blanchard that's important. ha! ha! And so I have an Irish heritage to live up to here and I very easily do it. But at the same time, none can laugh like the Irish can laugh. Or at least I think so. And laughter is a very important thing.

Some of your songs though laugh the most at biblical characters. They sort of poke fun or make light of them. Do people ever get offended at that?

Yes.

What's your response to that? What kind of reaction do you get?

Well, um, I don't get a lot of response in the negative, mostly in the positive. I appreciate those who are offended because they're not sure what they are — they're afraid — they don't want to be caught on the side of being sacriligious. And so I appreciate the sensitivity to that. If I see that in an audience, I'll scrub the tune.

Think back on the songs in your albums. Which song would capture a sense of being very down to earth the best?

A rule of thumb I have is that by and large music is not well served, and I'm not so sure that

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Blanchard's latest album

Danny's Downs

On the day that 'ol Danny arrived, his father stared,
his mother cried.
They knew his name but did not know why ... he looked
the way he did, this thing happens to other peoples
kids, "how in the world we gonna live with a boy
like that."
Doctor said, "Dan's the first of bad news, second is
his heart won't make it through ... must be fixed
unless you choose ... to send him back where he
came, starve the boy from his name, just six short
days of pain or maybe less."

(Chorus)
Danny's Downs but love is up ... and its been found to
be more than enough for more then a few of us ...
Danny's Downs but love is up.

"I'm not that strong" his father said, "the dreams are
gone the hopes have fled. Won't be long after he's
dead ... we'll try again to find the child we had in
mind ... where the hell are those papers to sign,"
then the man broke down.
In her private room Danny's mother wept, as an old
Jamaican woman swept, not by chance their two
eyes met ... and she said, "God's gifts are only good
you know, and there ain't no love the Lord can't
grow, so honey take that boy with you when you go
back home."

(Chorus)
It's been eight years since the surgery, his sister's five
his brother's three. He goes to school and he knows
how to read ... takes the bus home by himself, puts
his lunch box back up on the shelf, hugs his
momma til she melts to the floor.
They're more than a home they're a family cause
blood and bone are still souls you see, and every
baby born is someones Danny ... and in the
guestroom at the back, there lives this old Jamiacan
black, cause when you give a gift God gives it
back again.
(Chorus)

Mildred

Mildred's getting ready to go, her color's all gone and
her hair's turned to snow.
She sits out on the lawn there down by the road, until
the twilight comes in with a breeze.
Mildred's getting ready to leave.

Mildred's getting ready to fly, she looks with a longing
speaks with a sigh, a cocoon that's belonging to
a butterfly.
One of these days we'll look to see that she's gone.
And children it won't be long.

(Interlude)
"Could you wheel me down to the willow ground,
Where the flowers like fountains of colors are found.
Just leave me there and go back to town,
And I'll float on the fragrance, sail on the silence.
And all of my moments, will come back to me."

Mildred left us yesterday, after all of these years
there was little to say.
The words were our tears as she passed away.
And the truth like a sermon blew into our bones.
Mildred is finally home.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Shirley Janssen

Whether you've been to each of the previous nine All-Ontario conventions or you've never been to one, tune in to find out what's up this year!

The place of action will be McMaster University. That's May 18-21. Registration is open for 600 young people. That's quite a number of young people together at one time eh? Well, Niagara League has the privilege of hosting us all, and they are a crazy and enthusiastic bunch out there! Furthermore, they're doing a super job of planning. Everyone's busy preparing places for us to stay, things for us to do, and people for us to meet.

Some neat people you'll be meeting at this 'Special Delivery' convention are the three main speakers: Rev. Adrian Dieleman, of Fenwick, Ont.; Rev. Henry Lunshof, of Mississauga, Ont.; and Rev. Paul Brink of Rochester, New York. We've already had the privilege of meeting these three musketeers, and they sound good! They are really looking forward to sharing with us and the feeling is mutual!

Another special person you will meet at the convention is Jack Ippel, the famed songleader. We are thrilled to have him and we know you'll enjoy him too.

You want to meet the other 599 conventioneers? Yes, there will be many opportunities. Sing and share with them at the six mass meetings. After the mass meeting, grab a coffee and meet the other 7 members of your Living Group. Here you can really share scripture, be open about your feelings, and pray together. Get in there and be **ALIVE!!**

For all you sports fanatics out there: yes, there will be lots of sports on Saturday, (even 'pick up pig' or 'pick up post'). Get the lead out and pick up a soccer ball or baseball. Shape up for those league competitions. If you're not into sports at least come and cheer your team on to victory!

We can't forget the Big Saturday Nite Live (Talent Show). We know each league has talent so look in your closets, cupboards, dark corners, somewhere, someplace, and get those drama or singing talents tuned up! Each league is given ten minutes to fill-and may the best one win and receive the trophy! Then, after being refreshed, just sit back and enjoy listening to some talented musicians from around the province. There are some great Coffee houses in the making!

There are also some really informative sectionals planned this year. For example: How's Your Prayer Life; Christian Attitude in Sports; and The Right to Life. We know you'll all enjoy the talented speakers and folks who have agreed to share with us.

As you can see, there are just endless opportunities to meet people at a convention. How about Sunday's Reach Out? We can all get out there and add a little sunshine to someone's day.

Although the schedule seems hectic, it just suits young people! On the go all the time! Actually, there are some quiet times too. Free time to enjoy old friends, or new-found acquaintances. And we can't forget there's a few minutes here and there to *"Eet Smakelijk!"*

Conventions are an excellent time to meet and share but it's also a great atmosphere for learning and growth. The theme this year is 'Special Delivery.' We as Planning Committee pray that by coming to the convention each young person can meet Christ and learn to share **HIM** wherever they are. We can become pack-rats or we can start to spread around the love, joy and promises that are ours through Christ. It's just too good to keep to ourselves!

For all your family and friends out there, and brother-in-laws, second cousins of sister-in-laws, cousins of your uncles nieces, and everybody!! — you are warmly invited to share the Sunday Evening Worship Service with us. Come and see how **YOU** can deliver the message with your different gifts.

So come one and all! Hoping to see you all at the convention.

P.S. Young People: Start packing your bags and don't miss this 'Special Delivery' Convention!!

Shirley Janssen lives in Brownsville, Ont., and is a member of the 1984 All-Ontario Convention planning committee

Were You There?

If you recognize these people, it could be because you were with them at last year's All-Ontario Convention in Ottawa.

This year, you be in the picture — plan to attend **SPECIAL DELIVERY** *in Hamilton, May 18-21.*

What's good about retreats?

Hilda Wielemaker

"Young Peoples' retreats? Useless! Our kids come home tired to the core from all the fun and sleepless nights. They can't wait to sleep it off when they come home."

It's a typical remark from a typical parent of a typical retreat go-er. And many young people give good cause for the remark.

They come home Sunday afternoon, dump the disorganized luggage and messy sleeping bags in the hall, and head for the shower. When asked, "How was your weekend?" parents are lucky to get a "Super!" The food was great" (or "not so great", whichever), or only a disgruntled, "Alright, but I'm beat," for an answer. Often the young people are too tired from sleepless nights or too full of lectures to attend the evening worship service. Naturally, then parents' reaction to retreats tend to be negative.

Yet, there's more to a retreat than meets the eye. As part of a youth advisory team, Tony and I have attended several in the last few years. We, too, came home too tired from lack of sleep and too full of spiritual food to take in another sermon. But, buried under the immediate need of bathing, unpacking, and sleeping, lay a feeling of joy which could not find an outlet right away.

So, what's good about Young Peoples' retreats?

Let me tell you about one we went to with the Trenton Y.P.S. at camp Ke-Mon-Oya in November 1983. The central theme was "Walk Hand in Hand," which the speakers, Mr. Bill Vander Laan and Mrs. Henny Van Essen, divided into three sub-themes:

"Walk hand in hand with your parents"

Saturday morning, "Chicken Bill" (a nickname derived from his occupation, *not* from his character) explored the idea of walking hand in hand with our parents. He started with a toddler who learns to walk hand in hand; who *trusts* these hands to lead, guide, pick up, comfort, and, yes, even discipline when necessary. Past childhood, he led us (young people) into adolescence.

He reminded us that, if obedience seems difficult at times, it is important to keep in mind that the rules laid down by parents are derived from standards set by *God*, that *God* commands us to love, honour, and obey our parents, and that *trust* is the key ingredient to walking hand in hand with them. If we destroy this trust, we destroy the harmony.

A lively discussion followed Bill's speech and his ideas were viewed from different angles. In the end, it was interesting to note that the list of things young people like to see improved in their parents runs parallel with what they (young people) themselves suspect their parents would like to see improved in them, namely, *communication, sensitivity, respect,* and *TRUST.*

"Walk hand in hand with each other"

Saturday evening Henny spoke on walking with each other. Although she touched briefly on walking hand in hand with friends, family, and church members, the main thrust of the message, and topic of subsequent discussion, was for a pure, Christian walk in a romantic relationship.

She warned against starting close relationships with unbelievers and showed us the dangers and hardships of such unions. She also stressed a Christian walk concerning sexual desires and warned not to follow in the footsteps of the world. "Temptations," she said, "are part of a Christian life; the question is how we handle them." In answer to that she quoted parts of scripture and told her audience to turn to God's Word — to search for advice, and to pray for faithfulness so that we can walk hand in hand as true followers of Christ.

"Walk hand in hand with God"

Sunday morning "Chicken Bill" was promoted to

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What's good about retreats?

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"Reverend Bill" when he delivered a rousing sermon entitled, "Walk Hand in Hand with God."

With applicable Bible texts and humorous anecdotes, he pointed directly to Christ. "You can't be an automatic Christian (born in a Christian home), or a paper Christian (listed in the church's paper records)," he said, "you must have a close, personal knowledge of Christ and a straightfoward, Christian walk with Him."

He offered us four guidelines by which to measure our activities:

1. Does your decision agree with what the Bible teaches?
2. Can you have Jesus present?
3. Does it take the edge off your Christian walk?
4. Will it hamper your Christian witness?

And he ended with, "So, if you are walking with *Jesus*, you are *somebody!* You have *royal status!* You are a child of the *King!*

This sums up the "main course" of the weekend, but there were lots of appetizers and desserts thrown in such as game playing, singing, joking, and stomach-filling food, coffee, cake, and pizza.

Tony and Hilda Wielemaker

No. Retreats are not useless! To the contrary, Tony and I find them enlightening, but that is only our opinion and our experience is limited. What do *you*, Young People, think about them? Do you get anything out of them besides being away from home for a weekend; away from the humdrum of every day life? How are *your* retreats, and do you have any suggestions for improvements?

Tony and Hilda Wielemaker, along with Tina and Albert Hoftyzer, are youth advisors for the Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church in Trenton, Ont.

Michael Kelly Blanchard

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God is well served, by songs about yourself. I think generally it's too close to home and becomes too subjective a thing. Consequently, I don't write if there's something that is troubling me. I'll wait long after it's been resolved before I'll write. Many people don't wait and it becomes cathartic to get it out. But it's not good art usually.

A couple of songs break that rule .. one of them is "Naked as you Know." It's a very small tune but disarmingly revealing. It talks about the nature of the very intimate elements of sin. So very often we think of sin as big ... we use a murderer, he's a bad sinner. But by and large as Psalm 51 says, "I sinned against Thee and Thee only." The nature of sin is not ... the actions but the reversal of our hearts to God's heart. The personal offense to God.

Time to write

Ben: *You're 35 ... if you plan to do this for another 35 years ... pretty soon you'll be Mildred yourself.*

Michael: Ha! Ha! I'll be rocking my chair at an airport.

How do you see the next 5 to 10 years. Are you going to keep touring for a while?

Well, this may be a bit of a surprise, but my objective is to really trim it down to maybe a month and a half of touring and spend the rest of the time writing. Really good writing, any sort of creative thrust needs time to have things settle. And until they do ... you've taken the cream off the top, you're not getting to the heart of things. You really have to nurture it, you have to work, and you have to get into the mind-set not of the road but of ... you get up in the morning, have breakfast with the family, go up to the study and work.

You've referred often to the heart of the matter ... what is that heart that you're referring to?

Well, it's really truth ... it runs like a river through the gospels ... because Jesus Christ runs through the gospels. And that man ... that master so clearly deliniated that which was peripheral from that which was the heart of the matter.

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Canadian Church Scene

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homosexuals are incapable of normal heterosexual relationships. Some homosexuals achieve a happy heterosexual marriage.

b) Psychological deviance in sex, so long as it does not express itself in homosexual acts, is not blameworthy nor should it be allowed to create guilt.

c) Homosexual practices unrenounced render a person unacceptable as a Salvation Army soldier, just as acts of immorality between heterosexual persons do. (From Chosen to be a Soldier [Orders and Regulations for Soldiers of The Salvation Army], page 48).

d) Some homosexuals have been rendered thus by faulty relationships within the family resulting in emotional handicap which prevents the development of mature heterosexual relationships. Such persons can be helped to live with the handicap and even to find deliverance from it. Help may be by medical, social and psychiatric treatment and pre-eminently by submissionto the Lordship of Jesus Christ, liberating the whole person for a new quality of life.

Jacob Kuntz is pastor of the First CRC in Kitchener, Ont.

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TOLSMA: With thankfulness to our God, we, Art and Enica Tolsma, joyfully share the news that he has blessed us by entrusting to our care another precious child, a son, JAMES PETER, born February 14, 1984, 9 lbs. 9 ½ oz. A brother for Alecia, John Paul and Nicole and 8th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Langeveld of London and 7th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. John Tolsma of Chatham.
116 Tissiman Ave., Chatham, ON N7M 4G7

GULLION: Jesus loves the little children.
On January 30, 1984 in Regina, Sask. we were blessed by the Lord with the birth of our second child, a girl, ANGELA DANIELLE. A sister for Richard. Proud parents: Marcel and Helen (nee Vandenberg) Gullion; 5th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gullion of Desmerais, Alta., 4th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vandenberg of Sarnia, Ont.
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RECKMAN:
"God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.
"He paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily-bell;
If He so loves the little flow'rs,
I know He loves me well.
"God made the little birds and flow'rs
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all!"
In His love, God entrusted us again with a healthy child. We joyfully announce the birth of NIKKI ANN. She was born on February 9th, 1984. Nikki is the 30th grandchild to Mrs. A. Schouten and the 19th to Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Reckman Sr., all of Sarnia. The proud parents are: Marg and Bill Reckman; a sweet little sister for Margi and Scott.
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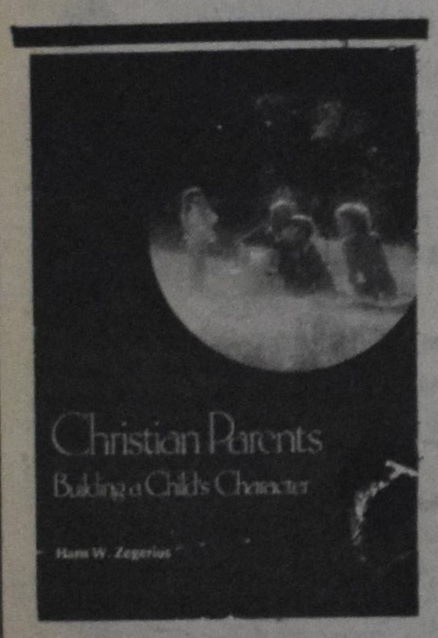

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BIRTHS

WIKKERINK: With joy and thankfulness to God, Gerald and Anneke announce the birth of their son, MARK JAN, born January 17, 1984, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz.; a brother for Tracey. He is the 26th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Wikkerink of Duncan, BC, and the 17th grandchild for Mrs. D.J. Nyland of La Glace, Alberta.
6676 Bell McKinnon Rd., R.R.4, Duncan, BC V9L 3W8

ADOPTION

HIELEMA: With amazement and great joy we welcomed JOYA MARIETTE into our family on February 1, 1984 at JFK airport in New York City. Joya was born on June 5, 1983 in South Korea. First grandchild for Bert and Diny Hielema and Jacob and Maria Kuntz.
Syd and Evelyn Hielema, Newmarket, Ont.

MARRIAGES

ZANTINGH-DE VRIES: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zantingh and Mr. and Mrs. Jelle De Vries are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children NANCY to HARRY, on March 17, 1984, at 3:30 p.m., Smithville Chr. Ref. Church. Rev. Jelle Nutma officiating.
Future address: 137 Griffin St., ON L0R 2A0

BROERSMA-TIMMERMAN: We, SHARON ELOISE and ARTHUR JOHN, believe the other to be giver of love, a sharer of sorrow, a bringer of joy and a reason for life. With the blessing of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Broersma and Mr. and Mrs. Case Timmerman, of Chatham, we are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage, the Lord willing, on Saturday, March 24, 1984 at the First Chr. Ref. Church of Chatham at 4 p.m., with Rev. Bill Dykstra officiating.
"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12(b).
Future address: 276 Merrit Ave., Apt. 304, Chatham, ON N7M 3J1

ANNIVERSARIES

Kampen Psalm 23 Hensall
1954 1984

HARRY and ANN KLUNGEL
(nee Vanden Heuvel)

The Lord our Shepherd held us for 30 years in His tender care. And in His goodness and mercy blessed us with our family.
Al & Christie — Sarnia
Aileen & Fred Knip; David, Michael, — Lucan
Peter — Waterloo
Eloise — Hensall
We will celebrate this happy occasion with our family and friends on March 16, 1984.
96 Queen Street, Hensall, Ont.

1929 March 14 1984
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 55th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

HARRY and HELEN OKKEMA
(nee Vander Honing)

Congratulations from your family:
Arthur & Nelly Okkema — Dundas
Tina & John DeVries — London
John Okkema — Dresden
Jeanette & Niel Schenk — Wallaceburg
Ann & Jake Vanderleeuw — London
Harry Jr. & Tina Okkema — Wallaceburg
Gordon & Francis Okkema — Chatham
Henry & Gloria Okkema — River Dr. Park
26 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
Home address: 170 Stranak Cr., Dresden, ON N0P 1M0

Blija Watford
1949 February 24 1984
With joy and thankfulness to our Lord, for his blessings, we were happy to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

RENZE and ITSKE BEINTEMA
(nee Kloosterman)

"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6).
May our Lord continue to be with them.
With our love:
John & Corrie Beintema; Anna, Ida, Renee, Renold — Wyoming
Andy & Inda Beintema; Jason, Brandon, Douglas, Richard, Mark — Chatham
Sylvia Beintema — Strathroy
Theresa & Don Terpstra; Justin, Christopher, Rebekah — Strathroy
Herman & Joanne Beintema; Erin — Sarnia
Tilda & Eric Brouwer — Wyoming
Home address: R.R.4, Watford, Ont.

Trenton Clifford
1969 March 12 1984
"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1a).
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord we announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

HILBERT and DORA DEBOER
(nee Hoftyzer)

May the Lord continue to bless and guide you and give you many more years of happiness.
With love and congratulations from your children:
Alida — Toronto
Arlene & Kirby (engaged)
Adrian — Moorefield
John
Sandra
Open House will be held at the Palmerston Chr. Ref. Church from 8-10 p.m., Friday, March 16, 1984.
Best wishes only, please.
Home address: R.R.3, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0

Clarkson Caledon East
1954 March 6, D.V. 1984
With joy and thanksgiving to our God, we wish to announce the 30th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

HENK and AUKJE VAN HARTEN
(nee VanderLaan)

We pray that the Lord will be near you with his love and keep you in his constant care for many years to come.
Congratulations Mom and Dad! with love from:
Leonard & Grace — St. Catharines
Carl & Ann; Meagan — Oakville
Herma & Bob (fiance) — at home
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Haarlem, 1934-1984 Hamilton,
Holland Ont.
On March 21, 1984, D.V., we will celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

JAN A. and HUIBERDINA VISSERS
(nee Van Nieuwenhuizen)

We thank God for his love and care shown throughout these 50 years. Our prayer is for God's continuing care and grace in their lives.
Congratulations and love from:
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OBITUARIES

"And afterward Thou will receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:24).
On February 14, 1984 the Lord released from her suffering and received to glory, our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,

JOHANNA GREYDANUS
(nee Pebesma)

at the age of 81 years.
She was a widow since 1965, when father, Geert Greydanus, went to be with the Lord.
We thank God for **our parents**,
Wilma & Dirk **Walinga** — London
John & Gertrude **Greydanus** — London
Gerald & Joan Greydanus — Chatham
Cornelius & Grace Greydanus — Wyoming
Ben & Alice Greydanus — Sarnia
14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.
Corresponding address: 162 Mary Ave., London, ON N6J 3L9

Op 14 februari, 1984, nam de Here tot zich onze geliefde schoonzuster,

JOHANNA GREYDANUS
(nee Pebesma)

in de ouderdom van 81 jaar.
Sedert 14 september 1965 weduwe van Geert Greydanus, Chatham.
Psalm 73:23,24.
Wed. S. Montsma-Greydanus — Metslawier
Wed. H. Dijkstra-Greydanus — Rotterdam
P. Damsma
N. Damsma-Greydanus — Kitchener
L. Haasjes — Clinton
Wed. M. Greydanus-DeVries — Kollum
Wed. D. Greydanus-Tiltstra — Clinton
Wed. K. Tibma-Greydanus — Anjum
C. Buruma
B. Buruma-Greydanus — Clinton

On February 16, 1984, the Lord took unto himself our dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother at the age of 80 years,

ADRIAANTJE KOOGER
(nee Van Steensel)

"Those who believe in me have eternal life."
Beloved wife of Pieter Kooger for 58 years, dear mother and mother-in law of:
Jaap & Annie Kooger
Bas & Riet Kooger
Cor & Map Kooger
Helen & Ralph VanHarten
Nelly & John Kuipers
Anna & Jack Kampen
Marjory & Jacob DeVries
Adrian & Lynda Kooger
43 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.
Predeceased by one grandson.
Funeral service was held at Lindsay Chr. Ref. Church of Lindsay, Ont., on Sat., February 18, 1984, with Rev. John Heidinga officiating.
Memorial donations may be made to Heritage Chr. School of Lindsay, Ont.
Home address: 3 Pottinger St., Lindsay, ON K9V 3X2

On February 3, 1984, it pleased the Lord to take unto Himself our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,

JOHANNA NIJKAMP

at the age of 78.
Widow of Gerrit Jan Nijkamp since March 2, 1970.
Her life was Christ, her death was gain.
Her children:
John & Trijn Nijkamp — Clinton, Ont.
Gerry & Jack Vander Schaaf — Hagersville, Ont.
Tonia & Allan Hiemstra — London, Ont.
Diane & Harry Fledderus — Simcoe, Ont.
Dick & Grace Nijkamp — Hagersville, Ont.
25 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 brother in Holland.
R.R.2, Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

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Psalm 91:1.
He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will rest in the shadow of the almighty.
On February 10, 1984, the Lord called home suddenly our dear husband, father and grandfather,

JARICH DE GRAAF

at the age of 70 years.
Husband of Meintje (nee Dykstra)
Two sons: Wiebe (Wayne) de Graaf — Edmonton
Thomas & Glenda de Graaf — Edmonton
Seven daughters:
Jean & Hank Sielenga — Sherwood Park
Ina & Gerry Van Doesburg — Edmonton
Cathy & Sid Vander Werff — Saskatoon
Ann & Clarence Wielenga — Abbotsford, BC
Teresa & Tim Jonkman Jr. — Edmonton
Lorraine & Ken Harmata — Edmonton
Mona & Bill Clarkson — Granum
twenty-seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one brother, Dirk in Holland.
Funeral services were held from Ottewell Chr. Ref. Church, Edmonton, Alta., on February 14, 1984. Rev. P. Breedveld officiated.
Home address: 7716-86 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6C 1H8

On February 3, 1984, the Lord called home our faithful member,

Mrs. HENDRIKA LUIMES

at the age of 82 years.
We pray that the Lord will be near the family in this time of sorrow.
Ladies Society "Wees een Zegen".
Williamsburg, Ont.

"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore" (Psalm 121:8).
On February 2, 1984, it pleased the Lord to call home our dear mother and grandmother,

STYNTJE PRINS
(nee Eilander)

at the age of 70 years.
Widow of Gerald Prins, May, 1983.
Gerrie & Geert Vander Ploeg; Marlene, Arthur, Annette, Linda, Brian, Pauline, Gerald — Renfrew, Ont.
Marion & Mient Vander Ploeg; Richard, Wendy — Renfrew, Ont.
Alice & John Groen Jr.; Richard, Barbara, Michael, Marcia — Shelburne, Ont.
Bill & Ida Prins; Jeremy, Stephen, Brian, Kevin, Karen — Laurel, Ont.
Dikkie & Willem Wissink; Mark, Julia, Andrea, Melanie — Stittsville, Ont.
Henk & Cathy Prins; Jennifer, Laura — Nepean, Ont.
Christine Prins — Renfrew, Ont.
Funeral service was held on Saturday, February 4, 1984, in Hebron Chr. Ref. Church, Renfrew. Rev. Wm. Suk conducted the service.
Memorial donations may be made to Ontario Heart Foundation.
Home address: 281 Harry St., Renfrew, ON K7V 3E4

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, suddenly took our dear friend,

PIETER SPEELMAN

to be home with him in glory. May our gracious Father surround his wife, Bets and her children, with his love and care. We pray that we, as their friends, may be of support to them in this difficult time.
Tom & Gera Koster,
Lawrence & Margaret Simonse

"For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods."
(Psalm 96:4)

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OBITUARIES

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Education Foundation, Inc. notes with sadness the passing of one of their founding directors,

Mr. PIETER SPEELMAN

Mr. Speelman will be remembered by all involved with Christian education as a man wholly dedicated to the christian school movement both in Canada, the USA, as well as in The Netherlands. Thousands of students in our christian school system benefit from his untiring efforts daily.
It is our prayer that our heavenly Father whom Pieter served so diligently, may comfort his wife Bets and children in this sudden loss. We will always remember as board his dedication and love for the cause of christian education.
Hans Vander Stoep, Pres. CCEF
Fred R. Vanderveide, Ex. Director CCEF

We mourn the passing of a very dear friend and brother,

PETER SPEELMAN

Who has given so much of himself for others. By God's grace we have been particularly blessed by his friendship, by his kind guidance in the Lord's way, by his understanding help. He has given so much of himself. We thank God for him, and as we mourn our loss, we rejoice in his victory in Christ.
We pray that our God will comfort and sustain his widow and children:
Henry & Diny Bergsma
Anne & Tena De Boer
Sidney & Tena Harkema
Jack & Joan Thalen
Harry & Wilhelmina Van Dyken
Bill & Francis Voortman
Harry & Ann Voortman

We mourn the death of our dear friend,

PIETER SPEELMAN

and express our sincere and express our sincere gratitude for his friendship over the years.

Condolences to his wife and children.
Ralph Gardiner, President
and members of the Skyline Club, Toronto.

Our faithful covenant Father, who in his boundless love never forsakes his children in life or death, called home to himself, on Monday, February 20, 1984, his redeemed child, our dear friend and neighbour,

Mr. PIETER SPEELMAN

at the age of 58 years.
"Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25,26).
May God's love and faithfulness give strength and comfort to his wife and children. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by:
Piet & Christina Groot
Nelly & David (fiance)
William & Lorraine
Christine & Theodore (fiance)
Edward, Michael, Paul
Rexdale, Ont.

CHURCH GROWTH

Looking for a new home? We, 7 CRC families are worshipping every Sunday in Fairview, in the Peace River country. Good farming opportunities and also employment at Hospital. A christian school society has been formed and hopes to start a christian school by September, 1984. Please correspond with Gerben and Marianne Bosma, Box 1605 Fairview, AB; (403) 835-4641.

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ATHENS: Athens Christian School invites applications for a teaching position for the **junior grades.** Position is open for September, 1984. Please forward applications to Henry Oosterhof, Secretary, R.R.#4, North Augusta, ON K0G 1R0

AYLMER: The Immanuel Christian School requires teachers in the following areas: **Senior grades, special education** and **French** for the school year 1984/85. Experience preferred. Please forward complete resume and applications to: Mr. A. Vander Ploeg, principal, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, ON N5H 2P6; phone: (519) 773-8476 (school).

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BRAMPTON: The John Knox Christian School Society, Brampton, invites applications for: a. definite openings in the **primary grades,** commencing September 1984, and b. an opening in **grade 1** for the period from March 19 through June 28, 1984, with possible full-time employment thereafter. Please forward complete resume and application to: Mr. I. Witteveen, principal, John Knox Christian School, 82 McLaughlin Rd., S., Brampton, ON L6Y 2C7; phone: (416) 451-3236 (school).

See more teachers' ads on page 16...

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BRANTFORD: Brantford Christian School will require a full-time **Kindergarten/Special Ed.** teacher (3 days Kindergarten, 1 day Special Ed., 1 day principal relief in grade 3/4), beginning September, 1984. Music ability would be an asset. Please send resume to: Mr. Chris Vander Veen, principal, 7 Calvin St., Brantford, ON N3S 3E4 or call: (519) 752-0433 (school) or 752-4100 (home).

BROCKVILLE: The John Knox Christian School (Brockville) invites applications for three possible vacancies — primary, junior, and teaching principal (experience preferred). For futher information contact Mr. R. Reitsma, principal, John Knox Christian School, 137 Pearl St., E., Brockville, ON K6V 1R2. Phone: (613) 345-1101 or (613) 342-1572.

DUNCAN: Duncan Christian School (K-10) invites enquiries for a **teaching vice-principal** and a **French teacher** to fill possible vacancies in the Elementary and Jr. Secondary grades. Please forward enquiries and resume to Mrs. C. Atsma, Education Committee, c/o Duncan Christian School, P.O. Box 549, 5781 Chesterfield, St., Duncan, BC V9L 3X9

TEACHERS

DUNNVILLE: For the 1984-85 school year, Dunnville Christian School, situated in the beautiful Niagara Peninsula, will need a **Primary Teacher** and possibly a Teacher for the combined **grade 5/6** with strengths in French and Music. Please contact the principal, Mr. William R. Rang, c/o Dunnville Christian School, R.R.1, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W1

FRUITLAND: John Knox Memorial Christian School invites applications for possible openings in the **primary and senior grades** for the 1984/85 school year. Please submit applications and resume to: Mr. J. Van Breda, principal, John Knox Memorial Christian School, Box 27, Fruitland, ON L0R 1L0; phone: (416) 643-2460 (school) or (416) 643-4571 (home).

GEORGETOWN: Georgetown District Christian School invites applicants for a vacancy in the upper grades and another possible opening on the same level. Applicants with ability to teach French and/or music on rotary are preferred. Please send applications for the principal George Petrusma, R.R.1, Georgetown, ON L7G 4S4; (416) 877-4221 (office) or 877-6444 (residence).

Fraser Valley Christian High School serving several communities in the eastern and southern part of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, providing Christian education for 340 students in grades 8-12 will need a

principal

also: 1 possible **English** position and
1 possible **Science** position

beginning August 1, 1984.
Send application, resume, transcripts, and teacher certificate to: **Search Committee, 15353 - 92nd Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3R 1C3.**
For further information contact: **F. Herfst, Principal 604-581-1033**

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Phone: (403) 242-2896 (school)
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Calvin Christian School

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R2G 0T1
invites applications for openings in
the Primary (1-3)
and Intermediate (4-6) grades

Teachers with an interest in **French** and/or **Music** are encouraged to apply for a teaching position to teach French or Music in grades K-9.

Write:
Mr. John Doornbos, principal
Calvin Christian School
245 Sutton Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2G 0T1
Phone: (204) 339-3953 (school)

Abbotsford Christian School

providing Christian Education for 500 + students in grades 1 through 12, invites applications for possible vacancies for 84/85 in the following areas:

- Elementary — 1 possible opening in grade 1 or grade 4
- Secondary — Boys P.E., Band/Music
- Art
- English/Drama/Library
- Math

Ability to teach in more than 1 subject area is a definite asset.
Send applications with statement of faith, resume and references to:
John Kampman, principal
Abbotsford Christian Elementary
Box 175, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8
(604) 859-5167
OR
John Messelink, principal
Abbotsford Christian Secondary
Box 157, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8
(604) 859-5528

Vancouver Christian School
invites applications for the opening of

Principal/Teacher

of its elementary division, Kindergarten — grade 7.
Please send your application and resume to the school:
5621 Killarney St.
Vancouver, BC V5R 3W4

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Christian Schools

Our system is now inviting inquiries and applications for teaching positions for the next school year. Possible openings will be in
elementary
intermediate
junior high
senior high

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The Edmonton Christian School community, with over sixty teachers, continues to plan for good facilities, positive working conditions and an attractive salary schedule. Educators interested in joining a community which seriously reflects upon its educational perspectives, are invited to contact:

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Wanted: Alive

Qualified applicants with reformational world and life views, master teacher credentials and a commitment to the development of Christian education sought for **Principalship** for 1984/85 school year.
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Langley Christian School
21789-50th Avenue
Langley, BC V3A 3T2
(604) 533-2222

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HAMILTON: The Education Committee of Calvin Christian School invites applications for possible **primary** grade positions for the 84/85 term. Interested teachers are requested to send a *complete* credentials file to: W.H. Hultink, principal, 547 West 5th St., Hamilton, ON L9C 3P7

LISTOWEL: Listowel Christian School invites applications for an **experienced** teacher in **Grades one** and **two** for September, 1984. Forward letters to Mr. Arnold Deelstra (principal), Box 151, Listowel, ON N0G 3A0; phone: (519) 291-3086 (school)

LONDON: London District Christian Secondary School invites applications for possible openings in the areas of art, computer studies, mathematics and science. Please forward letters of applications and resume to: Mr. H. Kooy, Principal, London District Secondary School, 24 Braeside Ave., London, ON N5W 1V3; (519) 455-4360 (school).

LONDON: London Parental Christian School invites applications for possible part-time and full-time openings in the Junior grades for the 1984-85 school year. Please send a letter of application and resume to: Mr. Herb Goodhoofd, principal, 202 Clarke Rd., London, ON N5W 5E4; phone: (519) 455-0360 (school).

TEACHERS

LUCKNOW: The Board of the Lucknow and District Christian School invites applications for the position of a **Teaching Principal.** In addition applications are being accepted for possible openings for a **Kindergarten/ 1/2 combination** class and a **grade 3/4/5 combination** class. Please send your letters to: Harry Janssen, principal, Box 550, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0; phone: (519) 528-2016 (school).

MEDICINE HAT: Medicine Hat Christian School, an interdenominational school, offering grades K through 9, is inviting applications for the position of a full-time **Kindergarten/upper elementary** teacher. Interest in Social Studies and Sciences would be an asset. Please send applications and resumes to: Mr. William Slofstra, principal, 318-8th St., N.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 5R6; phone: (403) 526-3246 (school) or (403) 526-7192 (home).

METCALFE: The Community Christian School Association invites applications for an opening in the primary grades. Please send application and resume to: Community Christian School, P.O. Box 435, Osgoode, ON K0A 2W0. For any inquiries please contact the principal at (613) 821-3669.

TEACHERS

MISSISSAUGA: The John Knox Christian School of Mississauga (Clarkson) invites applications for the position of a Grade 1 and 2 teacher and possibly other positions. Please send your application with resume and reference to: Mr. Jim Bootsma, 1367 Shadowa Rd., Mississauga, ON L5H 2N6; phone: (416) 274-6842).

ORANGEVILLE: The Orangeville Christian School has a number of possible openings for the 1984-85 school year, including a **full-time primary** position and **part-time french, remedial,** and **kindergarten** positions. For more information and/or applications, please contact: Mr. R. Duggan, principal, Orangeville Christian School, Box 176, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z6; phone: (519) 941-3381 (school)

OTTAWA: The Ottawa Christian School, an inter-denominational school with K-8, is in need of a **teaching principal** for the '84-'85 school year. Please submit application and resume to: Mrs. Elsie Klassen, principal, 2191 Benjamin Ave., Ottawa, ON K2A 1P6 or call: (613) 722-5836 (school).

PETERBOROUGH: Rhema Christian School invites applications for 3 possible openings. 1 opening for **grade 5/6 combination,** 1 for **Kindergarten half time** and 1 for **Principal relief.** Contact: Julius De Jager, 3195 Parkhill Rd. E., Peterborough, ON K9L 1B8; phone: (705) 743-1400 (school).

RED DEER: Red Deer Christian School invites applications for a **ECS (Kindergarten)** teaching position and for possible teaching positions in **grade 1-9.** Please forward credentials to: Mr. D. Plantinga, Red Deer Christian School, 14 McVicar St., Red Deer, AB T4N 0M2. Phone: (403) 346-5794 (school).

ST. CATHARINES: Calvin Memorial Christian School invites applications for two possible vacancies: **primary** and **part-time music.** Please send letters of inquiry to: Mr. Jack Zondag, principal, 300 Scott St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J3; phone: (416) 937-6302 (school).

STRATFORD: Stratford and District Christian School has an opening for a **grade 3-5** teaching position for the 1984/85 school year. The grade combination will consist of approximately 22 students. Interested collegues and beginning teachers are invited to request an application form and/or information from : A.J. Vanderstoel, principal, Box 276, Stratford, ON N5A 6T1; phone: (519) 271-7292 (school) or 284-1031 (home)

STRATHROY: John Calvin Christian School may have a possible opening for a **grade 7 and 8 teacher.** Applicant would be required to teach Math, Science, Health, Language Arts and Music to grade 7 and 8. If interested in joining a staff that is excited about serving the Lord in Reformed Christian Education, send a letter and resume to: Mr. Henry Wiersema, principal, 48 York St., Strathroy, ON N7G 2E3; phone: 245-1934 (Home: 289-5562).

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STRATFORD: Stratford and District Christian School has a possible opening for the position of **teaching principal.** Application forms and/or information may be obtained from: Mr. A.J. Vanderstoel, principal, Box 276, Stratford, ON N5A 6T1. Or call: (519) 271-7292 (school) or 284-1031 (home).

VERNON: Vernon Christian School invites applications for a **grade 1 and 2** position for the 1984-85 school year. Please send applications, resumes and inquiries to Mr. K. Stromberg, principal, Vernon Christian School, Pleasant Valley Road, Site 19A, Comp.4, R.R.3, Vernon, BC V1T 6L6; phone: (604) 545-7345.

WELLANDPORT: Wellandport Christian School invites applications for possible opening for primary grades. Inquiries to William Thies, principal, Wellandport Christian School, R.R.1, Wellandport, ON L0R 2J0

HELP WANTED

Elderly Dutch speaking lady requires live-in lady companion, 50-70 years. Light housekeeping. Good terms. Brampton, Ont. area. Send letters to Box #4793, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Experienced person on dairy farm needed — All year round. In the London-Woodstock Area. Good wages and 2 bedroom house supplied. Good milker and references would be helpful. Send all inquiries to Box #4796, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Needed: man or woman living in eastern Ontario to lead workshops for church school teachers — evenings and weekends. You should have some professional teaching experience and want to serve the church. Preparation takes place in Grand Rapids from July 9-13, 1984. Work in churches from Toronto to the Maritimes. If interested contact Cecilia Mereness, teacher training coordinator, Education Department, Christian Reformed Church, 2850 Kalamazoo, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49560; phone: (616) 241-1691.

Wanted good reliable help on dairy farm (Jerseys). Must be able to take full responsibility. Phone and/or send resume to: G. VanderKlippe, R.R.5, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0; phone: (519) 357-1688

Wanted: Truck driver with class A licence and knowledge of operating Block Boom in the Niagara Peninsula only. Call: 957-3663 after 6 p.m.

Elderly widower requires full-time help for cooking and housekeeping in the Listowel, Ont. area. References available. Phone: 519-524-6917 after 8 o'clock. John Hessels, R.R.#2, Goderich, ON N7A 3X8

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For information phone: (519) 683-2747; H. deVries. Route 5, Dresden, ON N0P 1M0.

HELP WANTED

Oudere weduwnaar, gerieflijk 2 slaapkamer huis, zoekt iemand die met hem samen wil wonen. Hulp voor huishoudelijk werk en de was aanwezig als dat nodig is. Inlichtingen: c/o Dick Vanden Dool, R.R.3, Sombra, ON N0P 2H0; phone: (519) 892-3741.

EMPLOY. WANTED

Hi! May name is Henry. I am 18 years old and will be through highschool in June. Then I would like to work on a farm for 2 years before going to Agriculture school. I will work and learn for $125 a week plus room and board. Our farm at home is cash crop and pigs but would like to learn all kinds of farming. Write or phone for Henry c/o Mr. Hugh Pranger, R.R.5, Parkhill, ON N0M 2K0; (519) 232-4488.

Drie nederlandse meisjes van 22 jaar, zoeken werk in Canada, voor minimaal 3 maanden (met ingang van november/december 1984). Buitenwerk is geen bezwaar. In bezit van diploma maatschappelijk werk (social work), tevens in bezit van rijbewijs en typediploma. Reakties sturen aan: Alice Nijeboer, Voorstraat 84 I, 8265 HT Kampen, Holland.

Young man, age 22, from Holland would like to live and work on a **dairy farm** in Southern Ontario. He has a work permit for a year. His work permit can be renewed if continued employment is possible. Now he needs an address where he can work. He has experience on a dairy farm and loves horses. For more information, call his girlfriend in Fergus, 843-1984.

Dutchman, 22 years old, Free Reformed, working on a dairy farm as exchange student, seeks any kind of employment that only a dutchman can do or for which a Canadian cannot be found in order to immigrate. Please write to: Pieter Rienstra, c/o F. Gielis, R.R.5, Ingersoll, Ont.; phone: (519) 424-9721.

ACCOMMODATION

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Mathematics **Science** (Chemistry and Biology)
English **Typing** (and commercial subjects)
We invite you to send inquiries, applications, and resumes to:
John Vriend, Principal
Beacon Christian High School
2 O'Malley Drive, St. Catharines, ON L2N 6N7
Phone: (416) 937-7411

Hamilton District Christian High School
invites applications for a position in
English
We invite you to send inquiries, application and resume to:
Ron Dirkse, principal
Hamilton District Christian Highschool
28 Athens St., Hamilton, ON L9C 3K9
Phone: (416) 389-3119 (school)

Smithville District Christian High
invites applications for possible positions in the following subjects:
- French
- Business Education
- Music
- Bible
- Senior Mathematics
- Senior Science
- Girls' Physical Education
- Family Studies

Please address all inquiries and application letters to:
Mr. M.B. Stroobosscher, Principal
Smithville District Christian Highschool
Box 310, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

The Society for Christian Education in Southern Alberta now operating 2 schools, 1 in **Lethbridge** and the other in **Taber,** invites applications for the following positions:
- Elementary principal with teaching duties in grade 5/6 combination
- Grade 3/4 combination
- Kindergarten/grade 1/2 combination
- Kindergarten
- Junior High — English - Social Studies
- Junior/Senior High — French
- Junior/Senior High — Home Economics
- Teachers Aid

Forward all correspondence to:
Mr. H. Konynenbelt
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Summer Job Market

It's time to think about summer jobs again when you're a student. *Calvinist Contact* will carry the Summer Job Market section in the classifieds from March 9 until May 25.

Please include name, age, address, phone number, experience and type of work you are seeking.

This service is free of charge. Only one request: please cancel the ad as soon as you have found employment so that you don't use up valuable space needlessly.

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CALENDAR of events

Reformed Bible College choir, Grand Rapids, Mich. will hold concerts: Sat., March 10, **Mount Hamilton;** Mon., March 12, Covenant, **St. Catharines;** Tues., March 13, **Grimsby;** Wed., March 14, 2nd **Brampton;** Thurs., March 15, **Clarkson;** Fri., March 16, **Clinton.** All concerts to start at 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 31 - Apr. 1 Ambassador Community Church, **Windsor,** Ont. commemorates its 5th Anniversary. Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.

NEXT ISSUE

Dated	Mailed	Deadline for classified ads	Deadline for other advertising
Fri. Mar. 9	Tues. Mar. 6	Thurs. Mar. 1-8:30a.m.	Wed. Feb. 29-8:30a.m.
Fri. Mar. 16	Tues. Mar. 13	Thurs. Mar. 8-8:30a.m.	Wed. Mar. 7-8:30a.m.

Announce Upcoming Events

Keep the Christian community informed about what's happening!

Did you know that groups and organizations can announce, **free of charge,** upcoming events in C.C.'s Calendar of events?

Announcements should be very brief and be sure to check the calendar's advertising deadlines.

Calvinist Contact reserves the right to edit announcements.

Send or phone in your announcements to:

Calendar of Events
c/o Calvinist Contact
99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Let's Play CHESS

Editor: Pete Layer

THE DECEMBER LADDER

Contestants Problems:	#984	#985	#986	#987	Sub-Total	Prev. Total	Total
Points:	3	3	3	2	11	Total	
K. Amsinga (VIII)	2	2	3	2	9	66	75
P.W. Lamain	3	Game	only		3	58	61
H. Brouwer (V)	3	1	3	2	9	41	50
K. Kugel	-	-	-	1	1	17	18
J. Wilms (VII)	3	0	3	2	8	10	18

Comments

Number 985 by Chepisni turned out to be the most difficult problem this month. Mr. Brouwer found an alternate solution which the judge had missed, while only one other solver found the author's solution. Keep up the good work, solvers!

Solutions to the December Problems

#984 (Keres was the player with the Black pieces) Key: 1...., Q-N6 ch.; 2. KxQ, P-K8/Q ch.; 3. K-R3, R-K6 ch.; 4. K-R2, QxP ch., 5. K-N1, R-K8 mate.

#985 (Chepisni) Third prize problem tournament 1958
Key: P-K4 threat: 2. QxN mate
Try: 1. N-Q4?, RxN no mate. 1. B-B7?, B-R7 no mate
Alternate Solution: 1. NxP ch., K-K5; 2. QxN mate (1 point)

Thank you, Mr. Brouwer. Mr. Chepisni wouldn't have earned this prize if you would have been the judge.

#986 (Siers) Key: 1. B-N8 threat; 2. N-N6 ch., K-Q2; 3. N-K5 mate
Variation: 1. --, N-B3; 2. N-K6 ch., K-Q2; 3. N-B5 mate.

#987 (Fabel) Key: 1. B-Q7 tempo

This move is necessary to protect the pawn on N5 after ... R-N3.

The Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church
of Thunder Bay, Ontario
is celebrating her

25th Anniversary

as a congregation during the weekend of
March 31 — April 1

We are asking all of you to join us in praising the name of Jesus — the King of the Church for His favour and His loving care during these past 25 years.
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Holland export of flowers over two billion guilders

There must be a connection between the birth and development of Dutch floriculture and the fact that the Dutch have always been great lovers of flowers.

Nevertheless, this cannot be the only explanation for its spectacular development, especially over the past quarter of a century, a development that is clearly reflected in the supply and export statistics for Dutch flower auction markets: 75% of all flowers and plants auctioned in Holland are exported, representing an export value of over two billion guilders.

There are a large number of additional reasons, such as:
— the fact that the moderate Dutch climate and the types of soil in the various parts of the country are particularly suitable for the cultivation of all kinds of floricultural crops;
— the increase in prosperity, leading to an increased demand for flowers and plants in the home;
— the population growth and increasing urbanization in Holland, which means that relatively fewer and fewer people can grow their own pot plants and flowers;
— Holland's position amidst densely populated industrial areas, where the demand for flowers and plants has grown immensely;
— the improvement in growing techniques (for example the use of cold and heated glasshouses), which has made floriculture less dependent on the climate, and has also made it possible to extend and modify the growing seasons;
— the influence of modern technology, as shown in research, information and training, all three of which have in their own way helped to provide improved and more economic methods of cultivation, richer assortments, effective disease control and the training of qualified growers;
— the privileged position of Holland's greatest-easily accessible-floricultural centres, Aalsmeer and the Westland, which have been able to take advantage of these favourable circumstances. The proximity of Schiphol Airport is a valuable advantage;
— the success of the unique Dutch auction market system;
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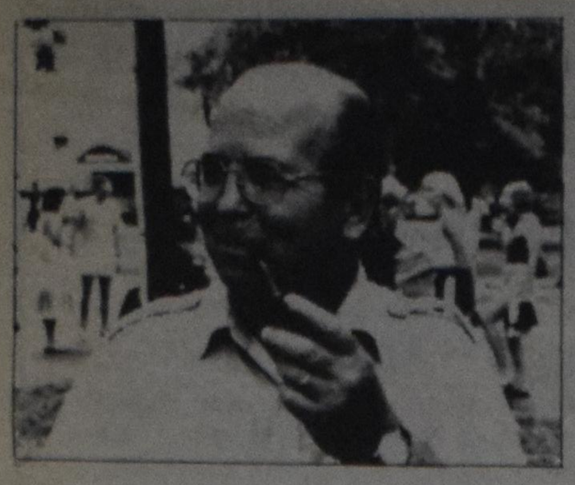

Van Halsema's onthullingen

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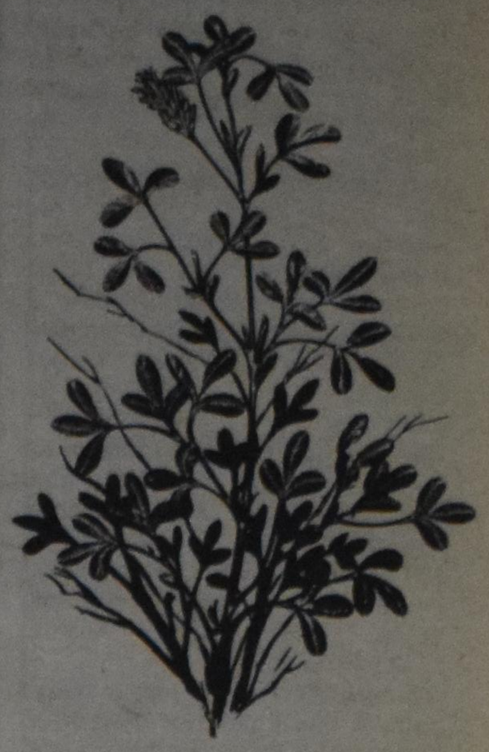

Herman de Jong

Als ik 's middags om twee uur thuis kom is er niemand thuis om mijn morgenavonturen met een korreltje zout aan te horen. Er staat een bordje met sandwiches op het aanrecht- daar moet ik het mee doen- maar trek heb ik niet. Margriet en Marietje zijn er met de auto op uit. 'k Ben "afgepeigerd" -dat wil ik best weten- en daarom maar gauw een tukje gedaan.

Terwijl ik door de stille straten naar huis liep, werd ik ineens wat neerslachtig en begon als een berg tegen de rest van de dag op te zien. Wat zijn we toch begonnen! Al die mensen weer ontmoeten ... op vier, vijf verschillende bedden slapen ... huwelijksmoeilijkheden oplossen ... en: kleinzonen aanzetten tot meerdere actie. Dat terwijl we zo fijn en rustig in het Zuiderflat hadden kunnen blijven. 'k Spring echt niet van vreugde de trap met twee treden tegelijk naar boven.

Het matras ligt nog op de vloer. Er omheen is gestofzuigd, dat zie ik zo, want er zijn streken op het carpet. Terwijl ik geknield voor het matras lig om de dekens op te slaan, raak ik er van overtuigd dat ik al eens eerder zo geknield voor een matras lag. Naarmate ik ouder word gebeuren er dingen waarvan ik heel zeker weet dat ze vroeger al eens gebeurd zijn. Net alsof ik mijn leven nog eens overdoe.

Ik tast mijn denken af. Probeer het parallel gebeuren uit het verleden vanuit mijn onderbewustzijn te schokken, maar de grauw-grijze kronkelingen van m'n brein -wat er nog van over is, uberhaupt- geven het geheimpje niet op.

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Dan is het er toch! We naderen het mooie, frisse eiland met een boot. Het eiland waar we onze zomervacanties doorbrachten. Een klein wereldje op zichzelf waar grote brokken natuur, ongeschonden door mensenhanden, lange wandelingen uitlokten. Een breed strand met rieten korven waarin de badgasten zich beschermden tegen de koude zeewind.

We slapen in de schoongeboende stallen van een kampeerboerderij. Waar koeien hun zware penzen neervleiden, liggen nu stromatrassen. Margriet en de kinderen zullen naar het strand en ik wil achterblijven. "Jij met je rare kuren altijd, waarom ga je nu niet mee?" Ik geef voor dat ik een barstende koppijn heb, maar ik weet dat ze denkt dat het een smoesje is. Margriet, nu en vroeger, verkoopt men geen knollen voor citroenen.

De bus van Cupido - zou dat nog familie zijn van jullie nu beroemde Matt Cupido, de schilder?- stopt voor de boerderij. 'k Had toch wel mee kunnen gaan, denk ik berouwvol, laat ik Margriet daar alleen sjouwen met dikke tassen gevuld met baddoeken, broodjes en thermosflessen met limonade. Toch weet ik dat ik deze middag alleen moet zijn. Margriet had ook niet teveel aangedrongen, nam misschien mijn irrationeel gedrag van de laatste maanden in aanmerking.

Ik sta voor het grootste vraagstuk van mijn leven. Hoe kan Jan van Halsema, die de godsdienst-oefeningen thuis met zorg leidt, de jongste ouderling ooit in de Stadspark Gereformeerde Kerk verkozen, secretaris van de Christelijke Politie Bond afdeling Groningen, voorzitter van de Jonge Mannen Club "Onderzoekt de Schriften", Penningmeester van de Christelijke Gymnastiek Vereniging "Sport Staalt Spieren," hoe kan deze Jan van Halsema leven zonder God?

Ik ga op het stromatras liggen. Boven de witgekalkte planken van de zoldering weet ik het sterk-geurende hooi. Ineens overvalt me de angst dat het hele spul naar beneden kan komen. Voordat Margriet terug is van het strand, zal niemand vermoeden dat er iemand onder ligt. Zal niemand weten dat daar iemand de eeuwige duisternis inging. Toch zal het Christelijke Nieuwsblad van Jan Haan vol staan met leedbetuigingen. Onze lieve man en vader ..... "Sport Staalt Spieren" nam met droefheid kennis van ... De Kerkeraad van de Ger. Stadspark kerk is zeer ontroerd door de plotselinge ..... De Christelijke Politie Bond zal het gemis voelen ...

Ik wentel me om en om op het matras. Verlos mij Heer van mijn twijfel. Zo kan ik immers niet bestaan voor Uw aangezicht? Jan van Halsema, de hypocriet. De Farizeeër. De stal wordt donker. Het zonlicht dat door de kleine raampjes scheen is verborgen achter een zware wolk. Ik smoor een schreeuw in het witte kussen. Weet dat er mensen in het voorhuis zijn. (wordt vervolgd)

Het geloof beslaat het hele leven

Ralph Koops

Allen geloven. Er zijn geen mensen zonder geloof. Iedereen gelooft in iets. Waar ter wereld ook zendelingen heentrokken, overal vond men mensen die geloofden.

God heeft zich zo geopenbaard in zijn schepping dat de mens vanwege die openbaring meteen aanvoelt dat er Iemand groter is dan hijzelf.

Als je ziet dat ieder gelooft, dan zie je meteen dat er geen neutraliteit is. Nergens. Het wordt ons nog wel eens verteld dat men neutraal kan zijn maar dat is onmogelijk.

In hun geloof hebben de mensen vooral in het begin van deze eeuw gedroomd van een paradijs dat tot heden nog niet is gekomen.

Door alle mensen publiek "neutraal" onderwijs te geven had men gedacht vrede te bereiken. Als de mens eenmaal zijn verstand ten volle zou ontwikkeld hebben zouden ook alle problemen kunnen worden opgelost. Het optimisme hierdoor tot stand gebracht is nu veelal nergens meer te zien. De mens is in feite een onredelijk schepsel die niet handelt overeenkomstig het voorheen geschapen beeld.

Temidden van allerlei geloven, verkondigt door een grote variatie profeten, blijft de kerk van Jezus Christus getuigen van het algemeen ongetwijfeld Christelijk geloof.

Zij doet dat met de kerk van alle eeuwen, van alle plaatsen en tijden. Zij deed dat onder het bewind van Rome. Zij deed dat, met nieuwe kracht en inzicht, ten tijde van de Reformatie, toen het licht van God's Woord opnieuw doorbrak in het duister van de middeleeuwen. Zij blijft dat doen ook vandaag, ook nu, nu allerlei valse geloven steeds meer het ware geloof dreigen te verstikken.

In een wereld van ongeloof en revolutie bewijst de mens steeds meer te geloven in zichzelf en wordt hij steeds verder verwijderd van het ene ware geloof. Soms schijnt het alsof de vraag van de Here Jezus steeds actueler wordt. "Als de Zoon des mensen komt, zal Hij dan geloof vinden op de aarde?" Dat is geloof in Hem als de Messias en redder van de wereld.

Het geloof is een persoonlijk iets. Het Christelijk geloof gaat over onze persoonlijke verhouding tot God. Uiteindelijk staan we als individuen voor God. Wij kunnen ons alleen veilig en geborgen bij Hem weten als we ons helemaal overgeven aan Zijn genade en barmhartigheid.

Het christelijk geloof is staan aan de voet van het kruis en bij het open graf en daar erkennen en belijden, "U, heilig Godslam, loven wij, Gij hebt voor ons aan 't kruis geleden, Gij doet ons tot den Vader treden als koningen en priesters, Gij! Gij, Heiland, kocht ons met uw bloed. Dies brengen w'U de dank en d'ere, en werpen w'in aanbidding, Here! Al onze kronen aan uw voet. Ja, amen, ja! Halleluja!"

Met dat Christelijk geloof kun je leven en sterven. Wijlen Ds. J. Overduin zei vorig jaar in een interview met *Centraal Weekblad* ter gelegenheid van zijn tachtigste verjaardag, "Ik geloof niet dat je het beter kunt zeggen dan Zondag 1 van de catechismus. De hele verlossing die Christus teweeg brengt in het mensenleven, die geweldige ommekeer; dat je niet meer zelf koning bent, maar dat je een andere Heer hebt gekregen, die tegelijkertijd Verlosser is. Het is de allesomvattende troost in leven en in sterven. Het is niet alleen aanzet tot *stervens*genade, maar ook tot *levens*genade, want je gaat voortaan Hem dienen. Ik blijf er bij dat je in Zondag 1 eigenlijk alles aantreft."

Dat persoonlijk Christelijk geloof reikt altijd boven het heden uit en ziet achter de horizon van het heden een nieuwe hemel en een nieuwe aarde waarop gerechtigheid woont.

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Het geloof beslaat het hele leven

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Dat geloof waar we het over hebben beslaat het hele leven. Wij staan met ons geloof in de samenleving, in de maatschappij.

In het 8 juni, 1983 nummer van *Centraal Weekblad* heeft Dr. K. Runia de hoofdredakteur een artikel, "Godsdienst en samenleving. Geloof niet tot privesfeer beperken." Ik wil Runia enkele ogenblikken, in dat lezenswaardige artikel, volgen.

Hij schrijft, "Godsdienst en samenleving groeien steeds meer uit elkaar. Steeds meer sectoren van het brede leven onttrekken zich van de invloedssfeer van de godsdienst. Christenen zouden zich hiertegen moeten verzetten. Ze moeten hun geloof niet tot de privesfeer beperken, maar zich inzetten voor de Christelijke organisaties en hun geloof uitdragen in de samenleving."

Godsdienst zette altijd een stempel op het hele leven. Dat was vooral zo in Israels' samenleving in het oude Testament. Hetzelfde was waar in de landen om Israel, Moabieten, Filistijnen enzovoort. In Azie en Afrika geldt dat nog voor veel volken. In West-Europa heeft hetzelfde reeds eeuwen gegolden. Maar dat is nu veranderd. Runia schrijft, "De laatste anderhalve eeuw wordt dit echter langzamerhand anders. Er is een process op gang gekomen, waarin godsdienst en samenleving langzamerhand uit elkaar gaan. In onze eeuw zien we dat, met name in de periode na de tweede wereldoorlog, dit process zich versneld heeft, en het schijnt nog steeds in snelheid toe te nemen."

Runia zegt dat een van de oorzaken van dit alles is de gecompliceerde samenleving waarin we ons bevinden. Je begrijpt de economische en andere sectoren niet meer. Vaak schijnt die gecompliceerde samenleving in te druisen tegen de Bijbelse moraal.

In dat process wordt het geloof alleen nog maar beleden en beleefd in de kleine kring van gezin en kerk. Sociologen spreken in dat verband van een privatisering en individualisering van de godsdienst. Steeds meer sectoren van het leven ontrekken zich aan enige invloed van godsienst. Runia vreest dat deze ontwikkeling in onze westerse cultuur niet meer gestuit kan worden.

Dat zegt niet dat we de moed opgeven. Christenen "zullen zich moeten verzetten tegen de tendens van de samenleving om het geloof tot de prive-sfeer te beperken." Van de christelijke hoop zal rekenschap gegeven moeten worden op de bredere levensterreinen. "Christenen zullen de handen in elkaar moeten blijven slaan, als het om de samenleving als geheel gaat."

Runia zegt dan, mijns insziens terecht, dat men in Nederland zo gelukkig is dat men christelijke organisaties heeft op het terrein van de politiek, op sociaal terrein, het terrein van christelijke scholen, de christelijke pers enzovoort. Natuurlijk, hebben christelijke organisaties hun schaduwkanten, zoals bijvoorbeeld het kweken van een ghetto-mentaliteit, maar Runia zou nog niet graag willen ruilen met andere landen waar zulke organisaties vaak ontbreken en waar geen christelijk uitgangspunt te bespeuren valt op terreinen zoals politiek en vakbeweging. Met name wordt Amerika genoemd waar een groot deel van de bevolking bij de kerk betrokken is.

(wordt vervolgd)

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Een warm onthaal

Bij de installatie van twee leden van de ultra-rechtse Centrum Partij voor de gemeenteraad in Almere hebben zich ernstige ongeregeldheden voorgedaan. Zo'n honderd tegenstanders van de partij bezetten de raadszaal en vielen een in de raadszaal aanwezige partij-genoot van de twee raadsleden aan. De politie greep daarop in en ontruimde het vertrek op verzoek van burgemeester Han Lammers. Het kwam daarbij tot vechtpartijen waarbij rake klappen vielen. Arrestaties werden niet verricht. De installatie vond, een half uur later dan het plan was, alsnog plaats.

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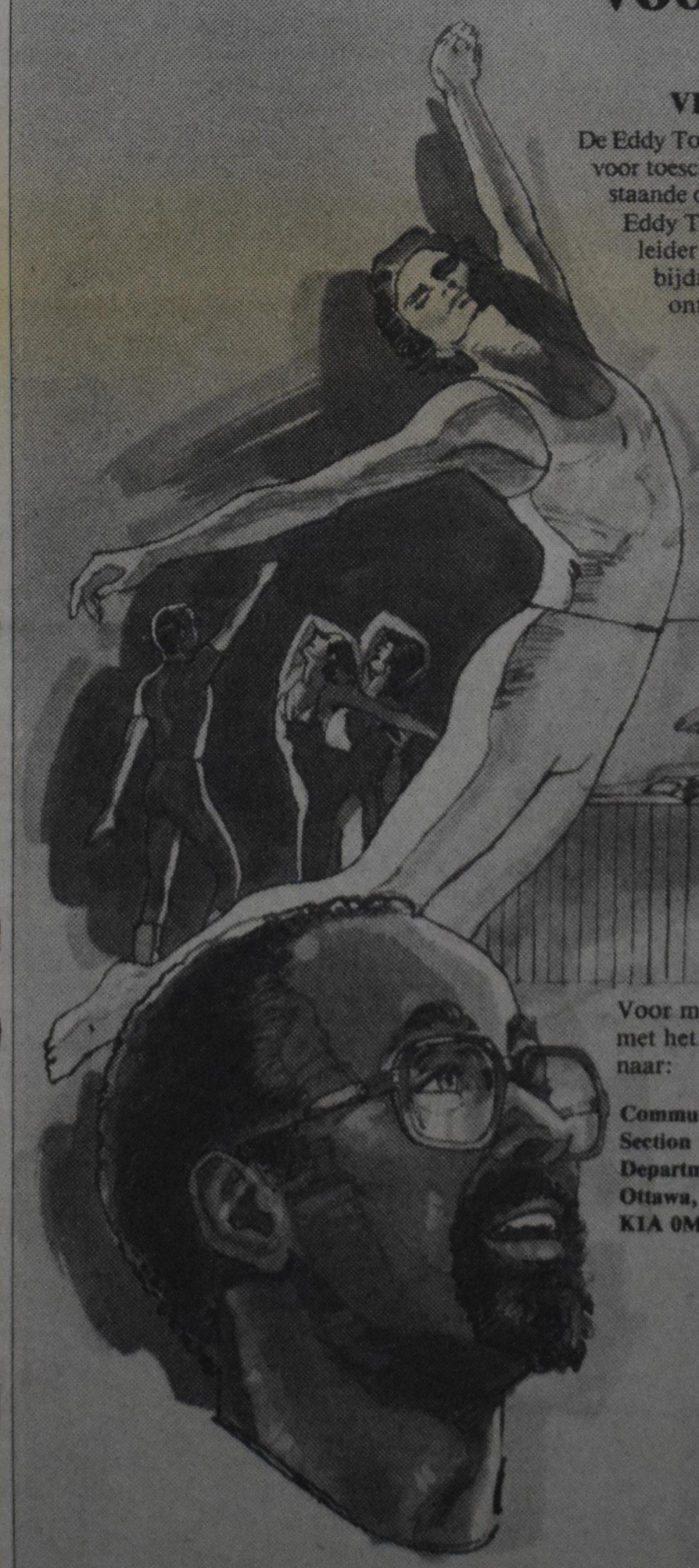

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Impure thoughts

I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Matthew 5:28

The position of women in Israel was better than in the surrounding heathen countries. This was a result of God's revelation. Eve was also created after the image of God and given to Adam as his helpmeet. By that fact the status of a woman in Israel was determined. Think of the role many women played in Old Testament stories.

However, the Jewish rabbis did not look at women with high respect. According to the Talmud they were of the opinion that a man should not have any private conversation with a woman other than his wife. They thought this to be dangerous, because in their eyes women were evil seducers.

Notice well, they put all the blame for lustful thoughts and acts on the woman. She was the main culprit, not the man. Although he was sinful, he was only a victim.

Jesus took an entirely different stand. Although his disciples marveled about it, he had an open conversation with the woman of Samaria. Moreover, Jesus had several female friends who served him with their goods. He often stayed at the house of Lazarus and his two sisters. There were women at Golgotha and women were also the first visitors at his empty tomb on Easter morning.

As far as lustful desires are concerned Jesus put all emphasis on the sinfulness in the hearts of men. Of course, in this respect women can also be guilty, but Jesus did not mention that. Over against the teachings of the Pharisees he restored the honour of women.

Our conclusion of this word should be that men and women both must suppress impure thoughts when they look at members of the other sex.

Who is not guilty in this respect?

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Faith

Progress needs biblical base

Real Christianity Contrasted with the Prevailing Religious System by William Wilberforce, abridged and edited by James M. Houston, Introduction by Senator Mark O. Hatfield, published by Multnomah Press, Portland, Oregon, 1982; hb., 131 pp., $9.95 U.S. Rev. Johan D. Tangelder, Strathroy, Ont.

Real Christianity's original title was "A Practical View of the Prevailing Religious System of Professed Christians, in the Higher and Middle Classes in this Country, Contrasted with Real Christianity." To make this classic not only readable but stimulating, Dr. Houston has edited, abridged and rewritten it. Senator Mark Hatfield wrote a fitting introduction for it. *Real Christianity* doesn't only give insight into Wilberforce's pilgrimage and reasons for his political decisions, but also into the Senator's as well. "It has become increasingly obvious to me," observes Hatfield, "that Christians reaching out in deed as well as word to touch the lives of the poor, the oppressed, the lonely, and the frightened, are the only expression in the flesh of the living Christ that many people are going to know. Wilberforce was certain, as I am, that social progress, if it is to be true, needs a biblical base." William Wilberforce (1759-1833) profoundly challenged England's ruling class to Christian action. He fought the slave trade through Christian political debate and influence. He called for repentance and a return to the Biblical foundations. He was concerned about the paucity of sound doctrinal preaching. He complained that "the unique doctrines of Christianity have almost disappeared from view. Even in the majority of sermons today, one can scarcely find a trace of biblical doctrine." But doctrine was not considered abstract teaching. Pure doctrine must be backed up with sound living. Wilberforce wrote, "there is perfect harmony between the major doctrines of the faith and their practical precepts."

Real Christianity aroused England. I hope that many will read this book meditatively and carefully. May it stir the conscience of today's Christians in the English speaking world. I heartily recommend this faith enriching and soul stirring little gem.

Cults

Cults lure evangelicals

Unholy Devotion. Why Cults Lure Christians, Harold L. Bussell, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1983; softcover, 128 pp. Reviewed by Rev. Johan D. Tangelder, Strathroy, Ont.

Why are evangelicals vulnerable to cults? The jolting evidence shows that evangelical families and youth have been lured into the cults. We may even know someone in our immediate circle who has become a follower of some way-out religious movement.

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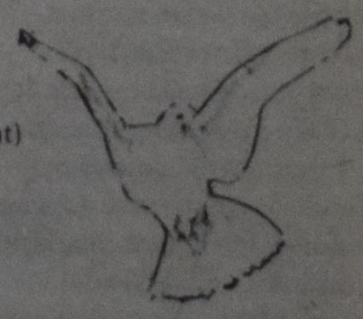

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